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DEATH

SPEIRS.—On December 30, 1939, at Millport, Scotland, ANDREW SPEIRS, late Chief Engineer, Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd., in his 69th year. 11485

The Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai of Church House, Kiangse Road, is always willing to receive *In Memoriam* donations and make allocations to the Charities in most need. 11069

G. R.

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the name of MEI FOONG TEXTILE COMPANY LIMITED has been struck off the Register.

A. H. GEORGE,
H.B.M. Consul-General
and Registrar of Companies
at Shanghai.

Dated at the office of the British Registrar of Companies, at Shanghai, March 18, 1940. 11489

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION

No. 1644

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Friday, March 29, 1940, being a Customs Holiday, the Custom House will be closed and the shipment and delivery of cargo suspended on that date.

L. H. LAWFORD,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Shanghai, March 19, 1940. 11514

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

Tenders for Dollars local currency for telegraphic transfer on the War Office, London, up to and for the sum of £5,000 will be received by the Area Paymaster, until 11 a.m. on March 20, 1940.

The tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No telegraphic transfer will be made for less than £100.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the Area Paymaster, Embarkation Staff Office, 1st Floor, 24 Central Road, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills, etc."

The right is reserved (1) to accept or reject any or all of the tenders and (2) in case of equality of rate between tenders amounting in all to more than the total sum required, to give preference to any tender received from the Bankers to the Treasury Chest.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that having regard to the Provisions of the Acts 22 George III Cap. and 41 George III Cap. 52 the acceptance of any such tenders is subject to the express condition that no Member of British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contractor thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

The provisions in question do not apply to contracts entered into by any incorporated company in its corporated capacity and made for the general benefit of the company.

J. S. EYNON,
Major, R.A.P.C.,
Area Paymaster, Shanghai.

Area Pay Office, Shanghai. 11468

CHARLES SALMOND MURRAY
deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to The Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims against the estate of the above who died at Bearsden in Scotland on May 16, 1939, are hereby requested to send particulars to the undersigned on or before May 20, 1940 AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

HANSONS,
Solicitors for Geoffrey Herbert Wright the Attorney of the Executors,
49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11499

CHENG RUBBER ESTATES, LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 3382 for 130 shares numbered 401865/401994 inclusive in the above Company registered in the name of Mr. Pan Tse Wing has been declared lost or destroyed, and if the above Certificate is not produced within THIRTY days from date, it will be cancelled and a new Certificate for 130 shares will be issued in lieu thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, March 12, 1940. 11340

Change of Address

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. HUTCHISON
Miss HUTCHISON
40 Rue Prosper Paris
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To-day's Events

MARCH

20 B.W.A. Easter Toy Sale, 9 a.m.
20 Finger Prints by G. F. Mant, Esq. at 114 Peking Rd. 5.30 p.m.
20 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.

THE SUA MANGGIS RUBBER CO., LTD.
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, April 3, 1940 at 11.45 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 27 to April 3, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.

Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11493

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The offices of the company will be closed on Friday, March 22. There will be no issue of the "North-China Daily News" on Saturday, March 23, but the paper will appear as usual (with Magazine) on Sunday, March 24.

The offices of the company will be open from 9 a.m. till noon on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24 as usual, and from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25.

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YANGTSZE FINANCE CO., LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 3936 with Transfer Deed attached for 500 shares Nos. 422001/422500 inclusive dated October 12, 1939 issued in the name of Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation in the above-named Company has been declared lost, and the public is hereby warned against negotiating same.

In the event of the said Certificate not being recovered on or before April 19, 1940 a new certificate will be issued in lieu thereof.

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, March 18, 1940. 11476

YANGTSZE FINANCE CO., LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 3411 with Transfer Deed attached for 500 shares Nos. 15501/15800, 97051/97150 and 97251/97350 inclusive dated July 8, 1937, issued in the name of Chekiang Industrial Bank, Ltd. in the above-named Company has been declared lost, and the public is hereby warned against negotiating same.

In the event of the said Certificate not being recovered on or before April 19, 1940 a new certificate will be issued in lieu thereof.

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, March 18, 1940. 11477

YANGTSZE FINANCE CO., LTD.
(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 3274 with Transfer Deed attached for 20 shares Nos. 191691/191710 inclusive dated August 27, 1934 issued in the name of Euclidio Porcedonio Xavier in the above named Company has been declared lost, and the public is hereby warned against negotiating same.

In the event of the said Certificate not being recovered on or before April 20, 1940 a new certificate will be issued in lieu thereof.

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries.

Shanghai, March 19, 1940. 11462

THE BATU ANAM (JOHORE) RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Tuesday April 2, 1940 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, declaring a dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 27 to April 2, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11494

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

mv. JEFF DAVIS

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Managing Agents for the U.S. Maritime Commission,
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Syndicate Constituted by O. S. Lieu and the Kailan Mining Administration for the operation of the Kailan Sales Agency and the Kailan Wharf Agency having been dissolved as at December 31, 1939, all persons having claims against either Agency or the Syndicate must present them at or before 12 noon, April 11, 1940 at the Liquidation Office of the Syndicate (Room 324A, 12 The Bund) otherwise they will not be admitted.

Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11513

SEMAMBU RUBBER ESTATE, LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 1827 for 300 shares numbered 234538/234837 inclusive in the above Company registered in the name of Mr. Pan Tse Wing has been declared lost or destroyed, and if the above Certificate is not produced within THIRTY days from date, it will be cancelled and a new Certificate for 300 shares will be issued in lieu thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
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Shanghai, March 12, 1940. 11338

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons holding ordinary shares of this Company which have not been registered in their own names, are required to deposit the share certificate(s) together with the relative document(s) of title with the Liquidators, on or before the 21st day of March next.

Persons failing to comply with the above will be excluded from the benefit of any future distribution of assets by the Liquidators.

I. E. ROBERTS, A.C.A.
T. D. DRYSDALE,
Liquidators.

352a Sassoon House, Shanghai
March 14, 1940. 11403

NOTICE

Until further natice the responsible signature for the firm

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will bear the signatures of Mr. E. Busch and Mr. A. Robitchek below the name of the Firm

E. BUSCH,
A. ROBITCHEK. 11467

NOTICE

Soviet citizen Miss GALINA TIVTCHEVA is requested to call at the Soviet Consulate General, 20 Whangpoo Road, to see Mr. J. Sharikoff. -4735

HUNGJAO AREA ASSOCIATION

Pass Office Closed

Lincoln Avenue Pass Office will probably be closed to-morrow, Thursday, March 21, 1940.

K. M. CUMMING,
Secretary and Treasurer. 11498

SWISS CLUB SHANGHAI

The Annual General Meeting

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By order;

S. STINER,
Hon. Secretary. 11490

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EASTER

The Member Banks of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, March 22, 23 and 25, 1940, on account of the above. 11478

LOST

DEMAND Draft for US$213.13 dated March 16, 1940, No. 83/1323, issued by The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. on the Bank of Montreal, Ltd., New York, in favour of Carl A. Bauman or order, has been lost and is hereby declared null and void. The Demand Draft is not endorsed by me.

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2. Lecturer in Civil and Mechanical Engineering. Primary subject—Hydraulics: subsidiary subject—Heat Engines.
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Meteorological Reports	Mar. 18 16.00	Mar. 18 21.00	Mar. 19 4.00	Mar. 19 9.00
Barometer inches	30.19	30.18	30.13	30.17
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.13	—0.18	—0.17	—0.17
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.11	—0.16	—0.06	—0.01
Wind (direction)	E	E	NE	NE
" (miles per hour)	10.6	8.1	6.2	3.7
Temperature (Fahr.)	46.°0	42.°6	42.°6	43.°0
Humidity %	56	71	77	83
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	9	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.01	0.03

Siccawei Abridged Report March 18	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.25	—0.08	30.15
Temp. Min. 31.°5 Max. 53.°1	42.°3	—0.°1	47.°1
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	7.63	—	6.25

Time and Tide	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.58	5.57	5.56	5.54	5.53	5.52	5.51
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.05	18.05	18.06	18.06	18.07	18.08	18.08
Moon rises at Shanghai	14.15	15.22	16.30	17.28	18.47	19.55	21.02
Moon sets at Shanghai	2.57	3.43	4.28	5.12	5.55	6.40	7.26
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	7.05	8.25	9.30	10.24	11.00	11.42	12.15
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.04	13.40	14.22	15.10	15.54	16.40	17.20
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	9.24	10.28	11.19	11.57	12.41	13.24	14.09
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.45	8.60	—	8.61	9.70	10.51	10.02

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge, Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, March 20.	Reg.	Ord.
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
Amoy	*20.00	8.00
Japan H'lulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	10.00	12.00
Ninghsien etc.	11.30	12.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
U.S.A. Central America and Canal Zone AZ	—	—
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Hongkong and Haiphong	19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, March 21.		
Formosa via Keelung	*20.00	7.30
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai x	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila and Java Ports B	10.00	11.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton	10.30	11.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	11.30	12.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong c	—	—
FRIDAY, March 22.		
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	*20.00	8.00
Hongkong and Haiphong	*20.00	8.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez and Europe via Suez dx	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton x	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for U.S.A. Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 20th.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 20th.
C Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 21st.
D Parcel mail for Indo-China, S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, Egypt, E-Soudan, France and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 22nd.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service pre steamer on March 21, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on April 3.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on March 22, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Fracisco on April 2.

Air France per steamer on March 22, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.

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Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00 at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 42.0 Max. 46.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 42.5 Max. 60.0
Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—
Yesterday Min. 41.5 Max. 47.8
Same date, 1939 Min. 43.0 Max. 56.5

State on the morning of the 18th:—High and steady pressure over China: normal and rising over Japan. Northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine, cloudy and cold weather.

State on the morning of the 19th:—Overcast and misty weather. Calm of wind. Normal and falling pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and milder weather with variable winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy with local mist or rain and variable winds over our regions and to the south of the Saddles. The small depression will cross the south of the Eastern Sea, east or east-north-eastward.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia close on every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and on every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. for ordinary and are despatched per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 20, due London May 1.
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 22, due London April 26.
Per steamer via Suez, on Mar. 23, due London May 1.

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Miss A M West	50		
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Anonymous .....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

The Straw Vote:

A Candidate's Protest

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As the question of the British Straw Vote is or may be of considerable importance to British and other ratepayers and indeed to the whole community, and as the time for returning voting papers is limited to March 21, 1940, my only opportunity of putting my views before ratepayers and others with regard to the procedure and methods, which have been adopted by the British Election Committee is by invoking the assistance of that great Protector against oppression or injustice, the Press.

I am therefore writing this letter in the hope that some voters, at any rate, will consider the facts and my views dispassionately.

Nomination papers for the British Straw Vote were sent in on March 6, 1940. The first details, apart from the mere names, with regard to the candidates appeared in the "North-China Daily News" of March 17, 1940. My voting papers reached my office today, March 18. I do not understand why there should have been so much delay.

The nomination papers contained headings "Public Office(s) Held;" "Useful Information for Publication;" and "Additional Information Submitted by Candidate" with spaces to be filled in.

I duly inserted in the spaces the information relative to myself, which I considered and still consider that rate-payers should know, i.e., brief details as to who I am and how my life has been spent, including my activities before I arrived in China. The information under the above headings, which I supplied, occupied about 24 lines, or say about 200 words and did not by any means fill up the space allotted.

On reading the information regarding myself and other candidates, which reached my office today with the British Election Committee had excluded, *inter alia*, the following, viz:—all reference to my war service, to my former political and other experience, to my age, education and even to my limited service in the S.V.C. etc.

I accordingly wrote to the Secretary as per copy of a letter enclosed herewith.

I do not yet understand why the Committee as a whole should have adopted the course which they have without, at any rate, consulting me.

In case they may interest any ratepayer, I am enclosing herewith copy of the full details in my nomination form, which was dated March 6, 1940.

As regards my position generally, I cannot do better than adopt Mr. N. F. Allman's admirable attitude as expressed in "The Shanghai Evening Post" of March 16th, 1940, and particularly the last paragraph of his statement, which reads as follows:—

"I am not a candidate for any single individual, company, or clique. In the event I should receive the nomination and be subsequently elected, I should be under obligation to nobody but would consider myself as representing all residents of the Settlement, whether or not they have votes."

RANALD MCDONALD.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

March 18, 1940.
2.50 p.m.

A. Pullen, Esq.,
Organizing Secretary,
British Election Committee,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

re: Shanghai Municipal Council Elections, British Election Committee's Straw Vote Ballot.

1. I should be obliged if you could kindly inform me,

(a) as to the names of the British Election Committee,

(b) on what basis they have selected the information for publication, and

(c) why the information which I supplied with regard to myself for publication was not published, but in its place only certain extracts relative to matters, which I do not consider as important as some of those which have been omitted, for reasons which I do not at present understand.

2. Could you inform me why it has taken 12 days to communicate to the voters and/or the press the limited information which is now available?

3. I notice that in the voting paper my surname has been mis-spelt. In view of the fact that "Roderick George MacDonald" is standing and that my name is "Ranald George McDonald" it is difficult to imagine a more unfortunate and more regrettable blunder and one more likely to confuse voters and others.

4. In the Circular Letter dated February 24, 1940, it states, *inter alia*, as follows:—

"The "Straw Vote" will be a secret one, the voting papers being unsigned by the voter and will not bear any marks by which they might be identified, while the analysis of votes will be conducted by independent auditors."

I observe that my two voting papers are numbered. The numbering of voting papers might or indeed must surely create the unfortunate impression that the ballot is not really a secret one because it is obvious that a check might have been kept by some one as to the persons, to whom each or some voting papers have been sent, and therefore these voting papers do bear marks upon them, by which they might be identified. If this is not so, what is the object of numbering the papers?

5. In the instructions to voters it states "You are asked to indicate the names of the candidates you would desire to elect by *Ruling out Two Names only*" Does this mean that, if more than two names are ruled out, the paper is invalid? If so, why should only two names be ruled out?

Yours faithfully,
RANALD MCDONALD.

RM:ZH.

British Election Committee
Shanghai Municipal Council Elections
Candidates Nomination Form

Name: Ranald George McDonald
Address—Business: 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai.
Private: 301 Route Cohen, Shanghai.
Residence in China: from Oct. 10, 1921 to Mar. 6, 1940.
Residence in Shanghai: from Oct. 10, 1921 to Mar. 6, 1940.

Public Office(s) held:

1927-1928 Member of the Municipal Economy Committee. Chairman of the Electricity Sub-Committee of the above Committee.

Useful Information for Publication:

Born at Everton, Liverpool, England, July 11, 1881; educated at Elizabeth College, Guernsey, 1892-1895; Sherborne School, 1895-1900; Queens' College, Cambridge, B.A., LL.B., 1900-1903; Inner Temple, 1903; Certificate of Honour, 1905; called to the Bar, 1906; 1906-1915 practised as a Barrister, London; 1908-1914 Political and personal Secretary and Legal Assistant to Rufus Isaacs, K.C. (subsequently Marquess of Reading); 1916-1919 in the R.F.A. France and Belgium—R.O., 4th Div. Arty.—Captain 127 Battery R.F.A. —Wounded—Mentioned in Despatches; 1920-1921, Assistant Legal Adviser to the Siamese Government; 1921-1940, practising as a legal practitioner in Shanghai; 1928, President of the Zero Club, Shanghai; 1928, Umpire in the "Hsin Da Ming"—"Atsuta Maru No. 2" Arbitration, in which 4 Arbitrators sat and the question of the navigation of the Yangtsze arose and important Chinese and Japanese interests were involved; 1933-1934, President of St. Andrew's Society of Shanghai; 1934, Chairman of the British Residents' Association of China; 1924-1940, Member of the Trade Marks Sub-Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce, (Chairman of the Trade Marks Sub-Committee for 3 years); S.V.C. 1924 to 1928 and 1934 to 1940.

S.M. Orchestra:

A Composer's Thanks

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Through the courtesy of your columns, may I express my deep appreciation and gratitude to all members of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra, whose great ability and sincere enthusiasm made possible a clear and gratifying performance of my first Symphony on Sunday, at the Lyceum Theatre.

My thanks are also due to Maestro Paci for his constant help and encouragement in the production of the work.

A. AVSHALOMOFF.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

BY SAPAJOU

No Harm Trying

Russian Regiment:

The Council and Suggestions

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is scarcely necessary for me to refute the assertion recently made by one of your correspondents, H.F.P., that I had made recommendations as to the disposition of the Russian Regiment.

Incidentally H.F.P's letter is a magnificent example of preferring to have the other fellow's ox gored. But most of your readers will probably recall that I made no recommendations whatever as to the Russian Regiment and this perhaps requires a word of amplification.

Should I, or indeed any other Ratepayer, presume to say that the Council should do this or do that, this is officially construed as tantamount to asserting that the Council does not know all the right answers concerning its business!

Now the undeniable fact is that a majority of Council always do know all the right answers!

However, if a certain line of action on a Council matter be publicly voiced, then due to peculiar Council psychology, that particular line of action seems to become anathema and any other course is to be preferred and followed by the Council regardless of the cost to the Ratepayers.

I merely mention this little hint, which was passed along to me by an old China Hand, so that all would-be reformers of the Council who care to, might benefit by it and so avoid appearing so guileless as to imagine that the Council would deign to recognize any mere Ratepayer's suggestion.

ROBERT L. STEWART.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

Emigrants' Hospitals:

A Report Supplemented

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a supplement regarding the annual report of the Central Management of the J.R.C. Homes, printed in your newspaper of March 13, page 9.

It is quite all right that in Whashing Road, Hongkew, has been established an Emigrants' Hospital for about 60 patients one year ago, but by mistake the fact has been omitted that on the premises of the London Missionary School at 680 Chaoufoong Road there is another Refugees' Hospital, exclusively for infectious diseases, by the name of Chaoufoong Road Isolation Hospital. In the same school-building, where during May and June 1939 there was a scarlet-fever hospital with about 130 patients, there is now, since the end of August 1939, an Isolation Hospital which received hitherto about 490 patients with communicable diseases.

In so far as this well-equipped and fully occupied hospital has been founded in complete agreement between the S.M.C Health Department, the Medical Board of the Committee for the Assistance of Jewish Refugees and the Central Management of the Homes, and its leading physician and party medical staff is the same as in the time of the scarlet fever epidemic, I beg you to notice the fact of the existence and continued activity of the Chaoufoong Road Isolation Hospital.

DR. B. SZIGETI,
Chief Physician.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

Temple of Mammon:

Business in Its Precincts

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is commonly stated that Shanghai has one god above all others and that is money.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank with its gilded dome more nearly approaches the appearance of a temple than any other building on the Bund. It is thus highly appropriate that the Shanghai Stock Exchange, which deals in many millions of dollars a week, should in a recent advertisement state that certain transactions will take place in the precincts of the H. and S.B.C.—tread lightly, this is holy ground.

My dictionary states that the word "precinct" applies almost entirely to a place of worship.

It is delightful to see this frankness on the part of our local moneycrats, though certainly some of them have never been in the precinct of Ely or Salisbury.

ONE WHO HAS HELPED GILD THE DOME.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.

Local Girls:

Should be More Considerate

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Permit me through the medium of your correspondence columns to say a few words re IMPORTED YOUTH's letter. I quite agree when he says that the local youth lacks "shekels." Nowadays in times of stress and H.C.L. when one is just about scraping through, it is certainly very difficult to be expected to take a girl out constantly, especially when the prices on different refreshments have risen too much for one's liking. One would wish that the local girls would be a little more considerate towards the local youths' coffer.

Incidentally, the question of staging of private parties has its disadvantages, but on the other hand the atmosphere is quite different from the night spots and much more pleasant and homely.

LOCAL YOUTH.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

***Several letters have been held over owing to pressure on space.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF MARCH 20, 1870

Our readers will have noticed the arrival on Saturday, of the S. S. N. Co's new ss. Shantung, which is now lying off their lower wharf. The Shantung is an iron boat, screw propeller, double-decked, with hurricane deck above. Her length is 215 feet, beam 39 feet. nominal horse-power 250, but capable of working up to 600. She will carry about 1,000 tons dead weight, on a draught of something over 12 feet. She has made the passage from Glasgow to Shanghai, via the Suez Canal, in 58 days, including all stoppages. She will be shortly put on the Tientsin line.

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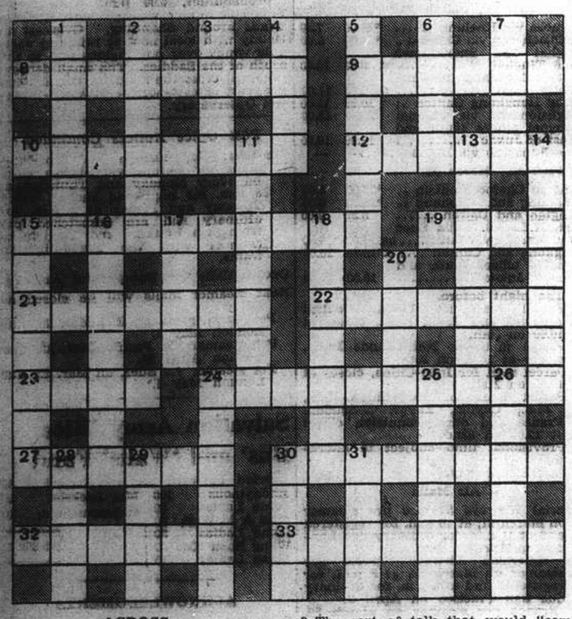


ACROSS

8 Not much of this monk's face seems visible
9 Is this the technical term for a mixed shoal of barbel?
10 Promptitude suggests a little aid to Diana's beauty of old
12 High ground often mentioned in the news from the Front
15 How Cotton might be expected to win match after match (three words)
18 Lake
21 A modern necessity of life
22 Part of a book about canons
23 Foreign capital
24 He works on a railway but not in the dining cars
27 Near East town
30 Peculiar people make most of these remnants
32 If one went to a fancy dress ball as this it would be a cheap makeup
33 "Her plans". (anag.)

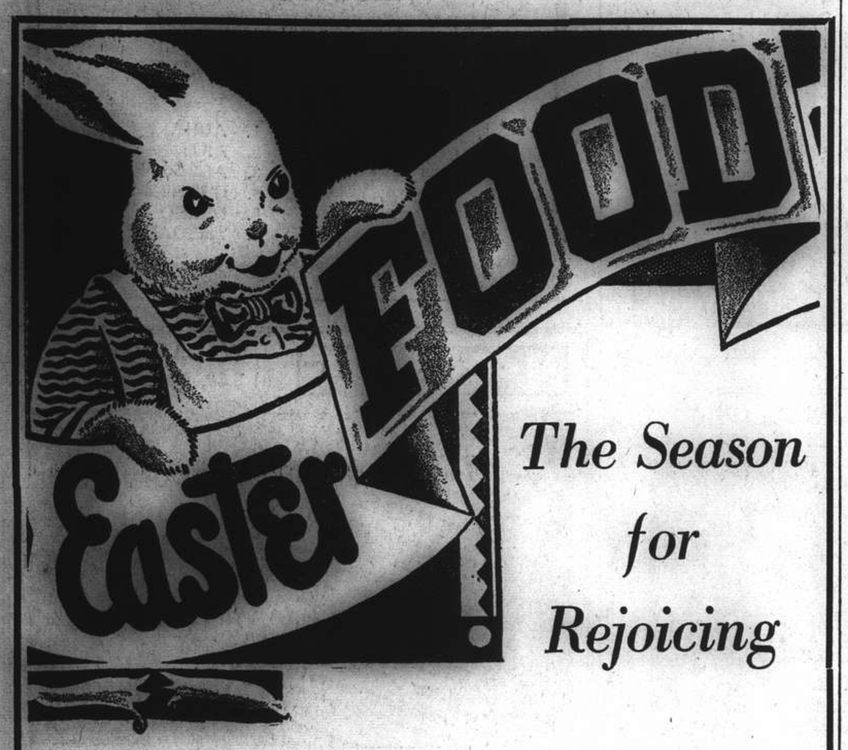
DOWN

1 Charges
2 Figure suggestive of a favourite little dog
3 The sort of talk that would "comparatively" be inferior
4 Small Scottish island (very small?)
5 A number split their tenth, urge the same number. Nonsense? Yes
6 Bird
7 Otherwise
11 Scene of a naval engagement in the last War
13 "But —— to find quarrel in a straw when honour's at the stake" ("Hamlet")
14 He is more inclined to be wool-gathering than most
15 Fifty-one in this would be forgetful, 'tis plain
16 No thin helper in deadly guise
17 "None love their country but who love their ——" (Coleridge)
18 Not exactly serene
20 This king may be very vital to a ship
24 This race-horse is no Derby winner
25 An apple and nothing more could be got from this town
26 Book of the O.T.
28 Pine
29 Driving clouds
30 Drive out
31 Either a fish or a fishing boat on the banks perhaps

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Dynamite; 5, Egg-cup; 9, Lacerate; 10, Albino; 12, Extremity; 14, Seine; 15, Pom; 16, Chance; 18, Infer; 21, Revel; 22, Slight; 24, Yea; 27, Marks; 28, Kerbstone; 31, Triton; 32, Apparent; 33, Rennet; 34, Knotless. DOWN: 1, Delves; 2, Nicety; 3, Marne; 4, Tutti; 6, Goldsmith; 7, Caitiffs; 8, Pioneers; 11, Type; 13, Moa; 17, Holystone; 19, Prompter; 20, Aversion; 22, Saki; 23, Gab; 25, Cohere; 26, Fettes; 29, Ripon; 30, Shaft.

FOR YOUR EASTER SHOPPING

SHANGHAI, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1940



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The Plain Man's Easter Shopping

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Pamela Giggle, too, will be looking for some sort of recognition. Quite a lot can be conveyed without committing yourself if you choose a well titled flacon of perfume. Another who should be remembered is Aunt. Aunts have all sorts of tastes, from a suitably endorsed prayer-book to something well matured from north of the Tweed. The following are a few suggestions : a ham, barley sugar, pink bed jacket, bottle of Scotch whiskey, gardening apron, jelly mould, smelling salts, georgette undies, photograph of favourite nephew. Is there anybody else ? The above-mentioned painful examples seem almost enough for one Plain Man. If all do as nobly as you are asked to do, Shanghai will have little to complain about this Easter.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Four Teams in a Group Lead Race for Ten-Pin Title

Cochran, Moseler Move Up to First Place from Fourth with Marine Pairs on Their Heels

SEVERAL big changes took place last night in the second round of the Shanghai Men's Doubles Ten Pins Championship at the Fourth Marine Club alleys. Only seven pins separated the first four teams and the third and final round, which will be bowled off tomorrow at the Race Club, should develop into a grand climax.

Huff Cochran and Moseler took a nice jump from fourth to first place when the two players scored a total of 1,067 to make up a 6-game aggregate of 2,163. Captain Allen and Messersmith, netting 996 pins, finished two pins behind. Another three pins behind were Fiori and Uhlinger who made the best team triple of 1,108 which enabled them to make a big climb from eleventh to third place. Leo Hilden and C. C. Squires ran fourth as they also made improvement last night to rise from sixth to fourth.

The outstanding bowler last night was Swan. He singled 234 in his third string to pile up a total of 584.

Latest results follow:—

Moseler	158	190	179	527
Cochran	157	166	217	540
				—2,163
Allen	134	178	164	476
Messersmith	147	166	207	520
				—2,161
Fiori	199	209	165	573
Uhlinger	164	207	164	535
				—2,158
Squires	142	181	205	528
Hilden	189	186	167	542
				—2,154
Williams	189	154	180	523
Wells	186	164	144	494
				—2,131
Butler	175	170	160	505
Clark	134	192	147	473
				—2,128
Ashley	200	157	160	517
Brunetti	166	190	158	514
				—2,114
Swan	166	182	234	584
Ladd	151	168	159	478
				—2,077
Schmid	149	152	129	430
Eisenhut	152	191	235	578
				—2,067
Rozier	164	215	143	522
Gilbert	148	183	161	492
				—2,040
Quinn	177	187	156	520
Lurton	150	155	165	470
				—2,032
Carson	161	178	194	533
Krause	147	136	124	407
				—2,024
Gray, W. N. III	162	194	186	542
Henningsen	127	156	192	475
				—2,009
Klovekorn	245	164	157	566
Laidlaw	114	147	127	388
				—2,006
Copper	157	143	200	500
Huggett	147	205	208	560
				—2,005
Maitland	192	179	166	537
Xavier	158	154	170	482
				—1,983
Dolinsek	167	160	199	526
Roles	191	168	124	483
				—1,982
Gonsalves	167	178	172	517
Chanturai	190	189	189	568
				—1,982
Kohnert	162	183	168	513
Kleffel	161	154	148	463
				—1,974
Pote-Hunt	155	145	199	499
L. C. Kew	160	155	138	453
				—1,960
LaMont	136	134	193	463
Bourne	173	173	182	528
				—1,957
McDonnell	194	162	162	518
Kimball	149	179	162	490
				—1,957
Lamb	138	145	141	424
Gray, J.	154	191	142	487
				—1,933
Bordwell	141	154	160	455
Belknap	146	154	170	470
				—1,911
Katz	169	176	156	501
Madar	141	157	149	447
				—1,890
Blais	156	150	166	472
Winecoff	152	204	120	476
				—1,887

Girl Guides Train For War Work

Activities Reviewed at Annual Meeting of Local Association

The annual general meeting of the Girl Guides Association was held at 68 Tunsin Road on Monday afternoon, by kind invitation of Lady Mossop.

There were about thirty vice-presidents, members and Guiders present. Mrs. A. E. Seddon, Division Commissioner, was in the chair, and in her opening remarks she expressed gratitude to Lady Phillips for all the work she had done for the Association, and welcomed the President, Lady Mossop, and thanked her for the keen interest already shown in the Guide movement. Mrs. Seddon also welcomed new vice-presidents and members, and said that she hoped they would realize the importance of Guiding. She quoted from a letter she had received from Guide Headquarters in London, in which Guiding was spoken of as work of national importance, and which mentioned a few of the many different ways in which Guides at home were helping.

They are training themselves to become efficient Red Cross and A. R. P. workers, and when the children were being evacuated from the big towns the Guides did Trojan work in meeting the trains, escorting evacuees to their new homes, looking after babies and little children in order to give harassed mothers a rest, and generally being useful in the hundred and one different ways of which Guides know. Mrs. Seddon also spoke of the way in which Shanghai Guides were doing their bit, by knitting, helping in entertainments to raise money, etc. The Rangers have already contributed over $600 to different War Charities.

Mrs. Seddon ended her remarks by stressing the importance of Guiding and then called on Mrs. E. A. C. Chambers to read the minutes of the last annual meeting held at H. B. M. Consulate General on March 2, 1939. The minutes were approved and signed.

Financial Report

The financial report for the year 1939 was then read by Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. King, who said how much the Association appreciated the grants from the Shanghai Race Club and Associated Foreign Charities and from the S. M. C. The grant from the S. M. C. had been discontinued, but there had been a wonderful response to the appeal to vice-presidents and members, and Mrs. King said that with their continued support the desired goal of the Association i.e. to become self supporting, should be much nearer.

Since the Association is without a secretary at the moment, Mrs. E. A. C. Chambers, the District Captain, read the annual report, copies of which will be posted to vice-presidents and members within the next few days. The report started with a list of executive officers for the coming year:—

Division Commissioner, Mrs. A. E. Seddon, District Commissioner, Mrs. D. A. Butt, District Captain, Mrs. E. A. C. Chambers, Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. King, Equipment Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Kenyon, Asst. Equipment Secretary, Mrs. J. Cole, Badge Secretary, Mrs. J. Pyle, Brownie Badge Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Gray.

It then reported great progress among all Guide Companies and Brownie Packs. Over 200 Guides and Brownies took part in the Empire Day celebration on May 24 when Scouts and Guides were inspected by H. B. M. Consul-General, Sir Herbert Phillips. Thanks were extended to the committee of the Swimming Bath Club for their generosity in allowing the Guides and Brownies use of their pool on Thursday afternoon during July and August, and to the committee of the Rowing Club for the use of their pool for the Swimming Rally.

Mrs. K. M. Bourne proposed and Mrs. Comeny seconded the adoption of both reports.

Training Evenings Stressed

Mrs. D. M. Butt, the District Commissioner, then read her report. She stressed the importance of the Guides' training evenings, which in Shanghai have to take the place of weeks of training in such places as Foxlease at home. She also spoke of the importance, and the high standard required for a Guide to obtain her first class badge, seven of which have been earned during the last year when the first class test was held for the first time for many years. She expressed especial thanks to Mrs. Pyle for all the work she has done and is doing in fixing up the badge tests, arranging for examiners, etc. Mrs. Butt ended her report by appealing for more Guiders and Brown Owls and by extending a very earnest invitation to everyone present to come to the Guide and Brownie rally to be held in May, when Guides and Brownies will be seen at work and play.

Lady Mossop said she was proud and happy to become President of the Association and urged vice-presidents to take their duties seriously and to realize that more was expected of them than just to pay their subscriptions. She asked them to try to find more Guiders and suggested that they should visit Headquarters at 34 Museum Road, then they would realize that the need for a more suitable room was really urgent.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Lady Mossop, Mrs. Seddon repeated the invitation to visit Headquarters, which she said was always open on a Saturday morning. Mrs. Butt seconded the vote of thanks and, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tennis Pros, Amateurs Meet for First Time

Paris, Mar. 18.

All French tennis players now mobilized "including those who played and taught tennis remuneratively", will be granted leave in order to take part in the competitions organized by the French Tennis Federation, it was announced here today. This is the first time that professional players will be allowed to compete with amateurs under the auspices of the Federation.—Havas.

Columbia Club Pair Stay in Front

Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Hale Cling to Ten Pins Lead; Miss McIntyre Gets 182

Mediocre performance marked the second round's play in the Shanghai Ladies Ten Pins Doubles Championship at the Columbia Country Club alleys yesterday evening. Mrs. McDonnell and Mrs. Hale continued to lead as they gained a total of 906 to make up a 6-game aggregate of 1,944.

Miss McIntyre and Miss Hykes, although bowling a total of 967 pins, still trailed by 21 pins as their aggregate for the six games was 1,923. Mrs. Malleck and Mrs. Geibel jumped from fifth to third, but the biggest improvement was made by Mrs. Kwok and Mrs. Neal who rose from twelfth to seventh.

The best single and triple were scored by Miss McIntyre. She got 182 pins in her second string and piled up a triple of 491.

The third and final round will take place tomorrow at the American Club.

Results follow:—

Mrs. McDonnell	156	149	141	446
Mrs. Hale	136	153	171	460
				—1,944
Miss McIntyre	137	182	172	491
Miss Hykes	150	159	167	476
				—1,923
Mrs. Malleck	172	147	160	479
Mrs. Geibel	120	156	169	445
				—1,832
Mrs. Collaco	168	156	110	441
Mrs. Sobel	119	169	194	482
				—1,816
Mrs. Frondorf	136	153	147	436
Mrs. Gregor	154	167	122	443
				—1,789
Mrs. Bristow	125	154	154	433
Mrs. Gray	143	99	153	395
				—1,755
Mrs. Kwok	142	131	161	434
Mrs. Neal	155	161	148	464
				—1,681
Mrs. Bojesen	108	121	137	366
Mrs. Ryan	107	180	156	443
				—1,680
Mrs. D. Nance	134	159	133	426
Mrs. Bourne	135	126	141	402
				—1,680
Mrs. Dalton	117	131	140	388
Mrs. Lamneck	143	161	131	435
				—1,678
Mrs. Kuhn	126	144	147	417
Mrs. Stuart	128	140	133	401
				—1,664
Mrs. F. Nance	146	128	135	409
Mrs. Laidlaw	127	110	129	366
				—1,623
Mrs. Schmid	143	112	140	365
Mrs. Fischer	102	146	148	396
				—1,533

Lincolnshire Probables

London, Mar. 19.

Following are the probable starters for the Lincolnshire, which is to be run over one mile on April 3:

Golden Sovereign (Beary); Hot Bun II (Sam Wragg); Boomps-A-Daisy (Nevett); Wonersh (Weston); Titan (E. Smith), Quartier Maitre (Gordon Richards); Southport (Lowrey); Fioretti (Lane); Paul Beg (Gunn); Davy Dolittle (A. Burns); Squadron Castle (Dyson); Aldine (Richardson); Reynard Slodge (Wells); Mr. Snodgrass (P. Evans); Rosetown (D. Smith); Ticcagari (Tucker); Uncle Archie (Mullins); Puntgun (Dick); Hamac (Sharpe); Bannymede (Nicoll).

Jockeys have not yet been chosen for Time Step, Nagor, Elinca and Corena. Fast Step, Fairfax, Kingsgap, Spliched and Straight Four are doubtful starters.—Reuter.

Greyhound Classics at Home to Be Held

Derby Winner Expected to Receive £1,000

London, Mar. 19.

The Greyhound Derby, Grand National, and Oaks will take place this year as usual at the White City Stadium, London. The dates, which have not yet been fixed, will be around those of previous years.

The Derby winner will probably receive £1,000, as compared with £1,250 last year. Prize-money for the Grand National and Oaks will be proportionately high.

White City's crowd is limited to 15,000 a meeting. The G.R.A. will ask the police authorities to permit larger gates for the three classic finals. Last year 80,000 saw the Derby final.—Reuter.

Bradman Again on Top of Averages

New South Wales Capture Sheffield Shield; Best Bowling by O'Reilly

Sydney, Mar. 19.

Beating Victoria by 177 runs in the final match at Sydney Cricket Ground, New South Wales won the Sheffield Shield, the premier trophy in Australian cricket.

This is the twenty-second time that New South Wales have won the Shield, whereas Victoria have won it sixteen times and South Australia, last year's winners, six times. Queensland, who entered the competition only in the 1926-27 season, have so far failed to win the Shield.

This season's final table is as follows:

	P.	W.	1st Inn. L.	W. L.	Pts.
New South Wales	6	4	2	0	20
South Australia	6	3	2	1	18
Victoria	6	3	2	1	16
Queensland	6	1	5	0	5

Don Bradman once again heads the batting averages for the season, his figures this time being 132.75 for ten innings, while W. J. O'Reilly is the best bowler with 52 wickets at 13.55 runs each.

Bradman made two double centuries (251 not out and 267) and Badcock made one (236). Brown made three centuries, Barnes and Hassett two each, and the following one each—Barnett, Beames, Bradman, McCabe, Miller, K. Ridings, Solomon, Tamblyn and Waite.

Here are the leaders of the complete averages:—

Batting

	Inn.	H.	Not Out	Tl.	Ave.
D. G. Bradman	10	267	2	1062	132.75
A. L. Hassett	10	122	0	686	68.60
C. L. Badcock	6	236	0	387	64.50
M. G. Waite	10	137	2	487	60.88
W. A. Brown	12	156	0	725	60.42
H. Mudge	5	82	0	293	58.60
M. Cohen	4	74	0	230	57.50
C. Solomon	7	131	0	382	54.56
S. J. McCabe	11	114	0	531	48.27
S. G. Barnes	11	135*	1	482	48.20
G. Tamblyn	7	107	0	314	44.86
B. A. Barnett	11	104*	1	443	44.30
R. E. Rogers	12	74	0	499	41.58
M. Sievers	10	56	1	364	40.44

*—Not Out.

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
W. J. O'Reilly	220.6	47	705	52	31.55
T. Klose	102.7	25	254	15	16.93
J. Stackpoole	57	2	268	12	22.33
J. Ellis	68.5	2	283	12	23.58
C. V. Grimmett	308.5	33	1215	49	24.80
D. Ring	191.5	11	864	33	26.18
G. Lusn	43	3	169	6	28.16
P. Dixon	136	18	521	17	30.64
C. Pepper	208.4	17	849	27	31.44
G. Burton	77.2	3	301	9	33.44

—Reuter.

Probables for The Grand National

London, Mar. 19.

The following are the probable starters for the Grand National:

Royal Mail (Williams); Royal Danieli (Moore); Professor II (Owen); The Uplifter (Danny Morgan); Dunhill Castle (Parvin); Rock Quilia (Carey); Workman (Hyde); Red Eagle (Elder); Dominick's Cross (Mitchell); Blackhawk (Rimell); Kilstar (Archibald); Away (Coleman); Timber Wolf (Nicholson); Hillhead Prince (Wilson); Macmoffat (Alder); John Chinaman (Magee); Milano (M. Jones); Knightsbrook (Moloney); Venturesome Knight (Mr. Twoodie); Litigant (Mr. Black); Le Cygne (O'Grady); Symaethis (Feakes); Inversible (Hogan); Bogskar (Foley); Boyo (Taylor); National Night (H. Jones); Takvorpacha (Major Prior Palmer); Cornlaw (Myles); Luxborough; Lazy Boots (Ward); Prime (Mr. Marsh); Cordite (I. Morgan); Underbid (Bissill); Bachelor Prince; Downright (Captain Seeley); Tuckmill (Kelly); Gold Arrow (Lay); Second Act (Dowdeswell); Red Freeman (Redmond); Sterling Duke (Brogan).

Airgeadsios is being scratched and Chesterton, Ballyfox and Young Mischief are doubtful starters.—Reuter.

Race Club, Oarsmen Split Decision

Each Win Two Matches in K. O. Squash Semi-final

The semi-final outcome of the squash junior knockout tournament was left in abeyance until tonight as each of the two semi-finalists won two games in last night's play. The Race Club "B" secured victories through J. R. Jacob and G. Talbot, while the Rowing Club "B" gained points when R. S. L. Frewen and E. P. Morphew won their matches. The fifth and deciding match, that between J. S. Flood of the Race Club and R. Dickinson of the Rowing Club is to be played tonight to decide which team qualifies for the final which will take place between the winner and the Light Horse team tomorrow.

ROWING CLUB "B" 2, RACE CLUB "B" 2

A. C. Sinclair lost to J. R. Jacob, 9-0, 9-5, 5-9, 7-9, 2-9.

R. S. L. Frewen defeated A. V. Striker, 9-3, 9-5, 6-9, 9-7.

T. O. Schmid lost to G. Talbot, 9-7, 7-9, 1-9, 8-10.

E. P. Morphew defeated P. Crow, 9-6, 9-5, 9-6.

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Probable Personnel of New Nanking Regime Revealed

Mr. Wang Ching-wei to Be Executive Yuan Head And Foreign Minister; Other Appointments

Peiping, Mar. 19.

MR. Wang Ching-wei will assume the posts of Chairman of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Foreign Affairs when the new central government of China is inaugurated in Nanking, according to "Provisional Government" circles in close touch with the present political situation.

The new government, it is stated, will be organized on the same basis as the present Chungking Government, and will comprise an Executive Yuan, a Legislative Yuan, a Judicial Yuan, an Examination Yuan and a Control Yuan.

It is expected to have its own military and naval forces, because a Military Affairs Committee and a Minister of Navy are to be appointed.

The probable constitution and membership of the new government, it is forecast by informed circles here, will be as follows:

Chairman of the Executive Yuan:—Mr. Wang Ching-wei.
Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan:—Mr. Chu Min-yi.
Minister for Foreign Affairs:—Mr. Wang Ching-wei.
Vice-Ministers for Foreign Affairs:—Mr. Li Ho-hsiang and Mr. Li Sheng-wu.
Minister of Finance:—Mr. Chow Fu-hai.
Minister of Military Affairs:—Major-General Pao Wen-yueh.
Minister of Navy:—Mr. Hsu Tso-ping.
Minister of Education:—Mr. Chao Cheng-ping.
Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce:—Mr. Mei Ssu-ping.
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry:—Mr. Lin Pe-sheng.
Minister of Communications:—Mr. Chu Tsing-lai.
Minister of Railways:—Mr. Chen Chun-pu.
Minister of Police:—Mr. Ting Mo-chun.
Minister of Social Affairs:—Mr. Fu Shih-shuo.
Minister of Judicial Administration:—Mr. Chang Shiao-yi.

It is reported that, under the direct control of the Examination Yuan, there will be a Ministry of Public Safety, while the Control Yuan will have as its subsidiary body the Ministry of Audit.

The Judicial Yuan, it is stated, will be composed of the Commission for the Disciplining of Officials, the Administrative Court, the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Judicial Administration. The last is subordinate to the Executive Yuan.

Executive Yuan Ministries

Directed and supervised by the Executive Yuan, it is further learned, will be a Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a Ministry of the Interior, a Ministry of Military Affairs, a Ministry of Navy, a Ministry of Police, a Ministry of Education, a Ministry of Social Affairs, a Ministry of Forestry and Agriculture, a Ministry of Industry, Labour and Commerce, a Ministry of Communications and a Ministry of Railways.

In addition to the five Yuans and their subsidiary organs, but directly subordinate also to the new Central Government, will be a Military Affairs Committee, which will be composed of the General Staff, the Military Council and the Directorate-General of Military Training.—Reuter.

Local Mayor Pledges Loyalty

"Representing the five million people of Shanghai, I hearby express to you my congratulations and pledge our loyalty for the future," Mr. Fu Sao-en, Mayor of the Shanghai Special Municipality said in a telegram sent on Monday to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, leader of the forthcoming Central Government, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo" yesterday.

"For the past three years since the outbreak of the current China affair, you and your colleagues have forgotten everything else in ceaseless devotion to peace and national salvation," the telegram added.

Mongolian Delegates

Kalgan, Mar. 19.

Appointment of Mr. Cha-te-pa-yu-cha-pu, director of the political affairs department of the Federated Autonomous Government of Mongolia, and Mr. Chen Wang-feng as government representatives at the Central Political Conference in Nanking was announced yesterday.

Mrs. Shunji Akiyama and Mr. Chiang Te-hsing will accompany the Mongolian delegates.—Domei.

Plenipotentiary From Japan

Treaty With New Regime On Lines of Konoye Points Will Be Negotiated

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The new Japanese envoy to the Wang Ching-wei régime, General Nobuyuki Abe, a former Prime Minister, will be invested with full powers to adjust and regulate new relations on the basis agreed upon last December between Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese authorities in China, and to negotiate a treaty governing those relations after the inauguration of the new Central China Government, according to Japanese reports.

The treaty, consisting of brief but explicit stipulations providing for clarification of the joint responsibility and mission imposed upon Japan, Manchoukuo and China for the attainment of the aims of the Konoye Statement of December 22, 1938, will be the highest principle in Sino-Japanese relations.

Points of Statement

The fundamental principles of the Konoye statement of December 22, 1938, which received the approval of the Emperor of Japan and is therefore "immutable," demanded that China should enter into complete diplomatic relations with Manchoukuo; conclude an Anti-Comintern Pact in consonance with the Anti-Comintern Agreement between Japan, Germany and Italy; accept that Japanese troops be stationed, as an anti-Communist measure, at specified points in China; that Inner Mongolia should be designated as a special anti-Communist area, that China should recognize the freedom of residence and trade on the part of Japanese subjects in the interior of China, and that China should extend to Japan facilities for the development of China's natural resources, especially in North China and Inner Mongolia.

Upon signature, the treaty will be made public by Japan and China in the form of a joint simultaneous announcement, whereupon Japan and the new Central Government of China will enter a new relationship and the mission of the special envoy will end.

The envoy will be accompanied to China by a large suite, including representatives of the War Office, Navy Ministry, Foreign Office and senior staff-members of the liaison offices in China of the China Affairs Board, a central organ which is vested with broad powers to deal with all affairs relating to China, particularly in the field of economy.—Reuter.

Finns Rush Exodus From Hango

Nothing Movable Being Left for Russians

Hango, Mar. 19.

Desperate last-minute efforts are being made to remove everything of value from this bomb-wrecked, half-deserted city before the Russians march in and take possession of it on March 23.

Evacuation must be completed by midnight on March 22.

When Reuter's Correspondent drove here from Helsinki, the last section of the road was blocked by a stream of lorries loaded with household goods and furniture.

The scenes of pathetic activity at Hango are typical of what is happening in the other ceded areas of Finland. Civilians and soldiers are working hard emptying houses and piling furniture on road-ways, and efforts are being made to ensure that nothing movable will be left for the Russians.—Reuter.

Extension of Session Of Diet Expected

Time Runs Short; Many Bills to Be Passed

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

With only ten out of sixteen budgetary estimates introduced by the Government in the Diet, passed by both houses, and only ten out of 110 legislative bills, approved by the two Chambers, an extension of the present session of the Imperial Diet appeared inevitable today.

Mr. Yukio Sakurauchi, Finance Minister, replying to an emergency interpellation in the House of Peers, yesterday said that he would ask both Houses to hasten discussions of the bills and at the same time consider, the extension of the session, if circumstances require it. The session originally was to close on March 24.—Domei.

German Church Bells to Serve Long War

Berlin, Mar. 19.

All church bells will be handed over to the State "to create reserves of metal necessary for the conduct of war over a long period," according to an official decree. Ersatz (substitute) metal and adequate compensation have been promised. Copper used in certain parts of building must also be registered.—Reuter.

Japan May Denounce Seal Treaty

Rapid Reproduction Now Menace to Fishing

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, indicated in the Diet today that the Government might denounce the treaty with the United States, Canada and the Soviet Union regulating seal fur fishing in the north Pacific.

Mr. Arita said the Government is planning a revision of the treaty which prohibits fishing for seals in the Pacific Islands north of 30 degrees latitude in order to preserve them. It was believed that the treaty would be denounced and negotiations instituted for a new, revised treaty.

Mr. Arita said the seals in that area had propagated so fast that at present there are 830,000 seals within the territory mentioned in the treaty. He said the seals had become a menace to the fishing industry in the north Pacific.—United Press.

35,000 Koreans Brought Into Japan

Measure Taken to Relieve Labour Shortage

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Japan has imported 35,000 Koreans into Japan during the past year in an effort to relieve the labour shortage resulting from the Sino-Japanese war, the Overseas Minister, Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, disclosed during interpellations before a Lower House committee meeting yesterday.

He said originally it had been planned to bring 85,000 Koreans to Japan to take the place of Japanese now on the China front or under mobilization in Japan. He said the Government intends to bring more Koreans to Japan this year. He denied that this plan would result in a labour or commodity shortage in Korea.—United Press.

Officials Repudiate Wang Ching-wei

Chungking, Mar. 19.

In a manifesto, Mr. Chang Chun-mai, leader of the Chinese National Socialist Party, officially denies his party's participation in Mr. Wang Ching-wei's new régime.

The Chinese press this morning gave also prominence to reports that other leaders were dissociating themselves from Mr. Wang Ching-wei's régime. They are said to include the leaders of the "New Tung Ming Hui," Mr. Ho Shi-sheng and Mr. Chen Chung-fu; the leaders of the Democratic Socialists, Mr. Kiang Kan-hu, Mr. Wu Chung-hsien and Mr. Ying Shih; and the leader of the "Hsin Ya Chieng Kuo Party," Mr. Chen Fu-mu.—Reuter.

Allies Can Buy U.S. Aircraft

Mr. Morgenthau Denies Reports of Suspension; American Defence Aided

Washington, Mar. 19.

Reports that negotiations between the Anglo-French Purchasing Board and American aeroplane manufacturers have been suspended, were denied yesterday by the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

Negotiations, he said, were still proceeding as far as he knew, and they would not be affected by the forthcoming Congressional inquiry into foreign purchases of aircraft.

The reports are also discounted by the British Purchasing Commission.

Nevertheless, some observers feel that the forthcoming investigation, and the reported uncertainty over the exact type the Allies will be able to buy in further contracts, may affect the speed with which the Allies can secure planes.

The Congressional inquiry is to start this week.—Reuter.

U.S. Defence Unhindered

Washington, Mar. 19.

Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, yesterday said Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary of the Navy, had informed him that the sale of aircraft to the Allies would not interfere with United States defence.

In fact, Mr. Vinson said the Secretary had told him, the sales had resulted in quickened deliveries to the United States Navy at lower costs.

Mr. Edison was quoted as saying that enlarged factory volume to meet Allied and domestic orders was of inestimable value. "Enlarged plant facilities insure the execution of any future programme of our own country," Mr. Vinson said he was told.—United Press.

Two Imprisoned for Spying in Holland

Men Arrested After Seizure Of Secret Wireless

Amsterdam, Mar. 19.

Maximum sentences of six years' imprisonment were passed yesterday on a German and a Dutchman on charges of espionage.

The German, named Dreves, was said to have been the chief editor of the West German Press Section, of Essen. Dreves and the Dutchman, named Bakker, are believed to have been agents of a big spy ring, the existence of which was discovered three weeks ago.

Their arrest followed seizure of a secret wireless transmitter operated from an attic at Schiebroek, allegedly for transmission of code weather reports to Germany for use by Nazi airmen.—Reuter.

Prima ballerina Audrey King, the star of the forthcoming new production of Le Ballet Russe "Pavillon d'Armide" and "Scheherezade," at the Lyceum Theatre on April 4, 6 and 7.

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A Task Ordained By Heaven

Advertisement Announces Authority for Japanese Mission in East Asia

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

"The creation of a New Order in East Asia is an imperative epoch in the progress of mankind, and its accomplishment is a task ordained by Heaven to Imperial Japan," declares an advertisement in the Japanese press, published by a Mr. Tameo Kajiyama, of Hiroshima, greeting the forthcoming new central government of China.

"Other nations, therefore," the advertisement continues, "should endeavour to recognize this fact quickly and facilitate its fulfilment by co-operating with Japan and by rendering a helping hand to the new central government which is about to become a reality in China.

"By so doing, they will urge the world a step further toward the ultimate destiny of its civilization."

The statement then proceeds:

"The birth of the United States of America on the North American Continent was an imperative epoch in the progress of mankind, and without doubt it urged the world a step further toward the ultimate destiny of its civilization.

"The task of creating a New Order on the North American Continent was ordained by Heaven to the forefathers of the American people, who came from beyond the waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

"Today, millions of men and women in the United States are finding the blessings of comfort, happiness, and enlightenment where four score years ago civilization was unknown.

"The time is now at hand when men should realize the fact that by knowing the past, it is not impossible to foresee the future with a reasonable degree of positiveness. When men attain a certain degree of mental and spiritual development they become capable of over-riding the barriers of Time and penetrate their vision into the realm of the unknown and thus are able to comprehend the future before Time brings it to the present.

'To the men to whom tomorrow is an imperceptible future, the sight of Reconstructed New East Asia is inconceivable. They have to wait.

"But, Imperial Japan with her 2,600 years of consanguineous past, is able to introspect vividly and visualize unerringly the traces of her extended historic progress. Imperial Japan is, therefore, equally as capable of retrospection, which capability has afforded Japan the power to conceive a far-reaching plan to bring upon this earth an ideal state of civilization based upon justice and equality, the foundation of permanent peace.

"And as its initial and most immediate step, Japan conceived the imperativeness of establishing a New Order in East Asia and accepted the task as having been ordained by Heaven.

"God once whispered into the consciousness of men, 'That which can be conceived can be achieved'."—Reuter.

Colonial Offices to Maintain Contact

Mr. MacDonald and French Minister Meet in Paris

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London, Mar. 19.

Arrangements to maintain constant contact between the British Colonial Office and the French Ministry of Colonies were discussed at a meeting in Paris yesterday of the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, and the French Minister of Colonies, M. Mandel.

They decided that organizations should be created both in London and Paris to maintain permanent liaison between the two departments.

Conferences will be held from time to time between Governors of neighbouring British and French colonial territories. Contact also will be established between administrative and specialist officers of the territories.

Regarding prosecution of the war in the economic field, the conferees agreed to examine the possibility of framing a co-ordinated programme of production and marketing of various colonial products, with the object of making the fullest possible use of their joint resources.

French and British experts will meet soon for this purpose.—Reuter.

New York Exchange Market

Sterling Improves and Other European Rates Steady

New York, Mar. 18.

An improvement was recorded in the New York-London Crossrate today, while most Europeans ruled steady.

The pound opened at 3.76¾ and close at 3.77¾, compared with the previous final level of 3.73½. The high for the day was 3.77⅞ and the low 3.74½.

It is learned that New York banks handling sterling at the official rate are trying to obtain a general agreement to charge a commission of half-cent per pound for such dealings, which some banks have already initiated.

The Bank of England, it is pointed out, allows one-eighth per cent. commission to British banks, who, however, are either unwilling or unable to share with foreign banks.—Reuter.

Graf Spee Sailors Now Being Interned

Buenos Aires, Mar. 19.

In pursuance of a recent decision by the Government, the first contingent of 100 sailers from the scuttled German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee has left for internment at Mendoza. The remainder will be sent to other provinces.—Reuter.

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Japan-Soviet Pact Still Remote

Little Hope Seen of Any Agreement; Diplomatic Sabotage Suspected

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Growing Japanese scepticism regarding the possibility of a Russo-Japanese rapprochement was reflected today in an editorial appearing in the Japan "Times" which frequently reflects the attitude of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper said that despite intense Japanese negotiations with the Soviet Union during the past six months, the major problems between the two nations not only had not been settled, but there is at present no prospect for their peaceful settlement.

The paper said that a non-aggression pact between Russia and Japan is "without doubt out of the question" because of the present state of relations between the two nations.

Reviewing recent Japanese efforts to reach a settlement with Russia on various problems facing the two countries, the paper said the results had been "far from what was expected."

"No progress has been made in trade parleys," the paper pointed out. "A mixed committee of Japan and Manchoukuo on the one hand and Russia and Mongolia on the other hand was appointed to settle regional demarcations around Nomonhan. This came to nothing and wound up its business at the end of January.

"All border questions remain unsettled. With regard to the demarcation all along the Soviet-Manchoukuo frontiers, the two countries agreed in principle to set up a committee and enter into negotiations. But nothing further has been done."

The paper said there appeared to be a "deliberate effort somewhere to put a stick into the wheel of Japanese diplomacy."

The paper denied reports that current negotiations between Japan and Russia were concerned with obtaining Russia's agreement to discontinue her aid to the Chungking Government. Japan also is not seeking a non-aggression pact during these negotiations, the paper said.

The paper said that from the Japanese point of view the settlement of all pending questions between Japan and Russia is the condition for a broader adjustment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.—United Press.

OBITUARY

Ven. Hugh Stowell Phillips

Guildford, Mar. 19.

The Ven. Hugh Stowell Phillips, M.A., formerly Missionary of the Church Missionary Society and Archdeacon of Kienning, died here yesterday at the age of 75 years.

Having received his education at Manchester Grammar School and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, the Ven. Phillips was ordained in 1888 and sent by the Church Missionary Society to Nangwakau. Three years later, he was transferred to Kienyang. He was the only unhurt survivor of the Kutien (Kucheng) massacre in 1895. From 1901, he worked at Kienning, where he became Archdeacon in 1917.

The Ven Phillips retired from missionary work in China in 1929 and was appointed Warden of St. Catherine's Deaconesses' House, Canonbury. His last post was Curate-in-Charge of St. Patrick's, Wallington, from 1930 until 1934.—Reuter.

Indignation at Hongkong Over U.S. Film Prices

Hongkong, Mar. 19.

Growing indignation here threatened a boycott on American films in Hongkong because of the distributors' increasing practice of charging high road show prices for "super-films". Newspapers here today took up the campaign to halt the practice, which exhibitors also opposed.—United Press.

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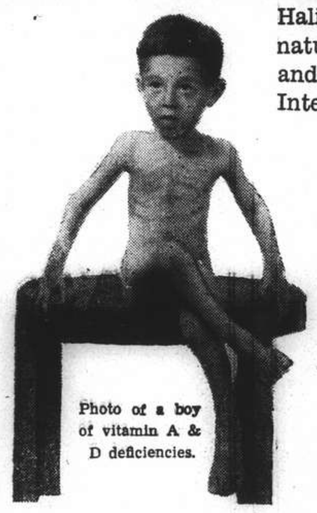

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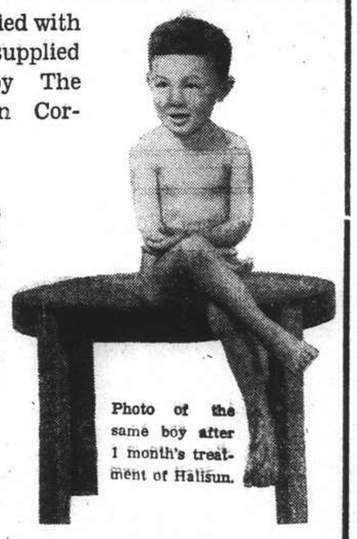

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PEACE MANŒUVRES

What with the tour of the European capitals by Mr. Sumner Welles, as personal representative of President Roosevelt, and the meeting on Monday between Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler in the Brenner Pass, it is apparent that the expected peace move by the Reich and Italy is being ushered in with plenty of ballyhoo, the whole thing savouring more of showmanship than anything else. That there is an earnest desire for peace in Europe cannot be gainsaid for one moment, but that desire is inspired by entirely different reasons. Herr Hitler wishes peace in order to enjoy his ill-gotten gains; the Allies desire it only when Europe shall be safe from any further aggression on the part of Germany: Italy desires it because she would much rather get on with the work of economic rehabilitation than be kept continually on the threshold of war, while the rest of Europe want it lest they should be dragged into the maelstrom out of which they so greatly desire to keep. Herr Hitler's technique is well known by now. These dramatic secret meetings between rulers, these hints of the terrible things to come if peace is not secured, and suggestions of further surprises in the near future are all designed with the idea of making the flesh of the Allies creep. They are not likely to succeed. Of the hundred and one things which Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler may have discussed, the most probable are the questions arising out of the possible Russian threat to the Balkans, the increase of German influence in Rumania, and the possibility of a better understanding being reached between Rome and Moscow. And then, of course, there is this latest peace offensive. It can be said without the slightest hesitation that if the reported peace terms prove in the ultimate event to be correct, there is now no better prospect for peace than there was when the Allies declared war on Germany following that nation's invasion of Poland. The determination of the Allies is that Herr Hitler shall not be allowed to get away with the fruits of his aggression, and until the leader of the Reich realizes that and is prepared to make reparation for all the evil he has done, the misery he has inflicted upon smaller peoples, there can be no alternative to the prosecution of the war with all the energy at the command of the Allies.

Then there is the continual rumour that the Rome-Berlin Axis is preparing a surprise, something akin to making bogies to scare children. The strengthening of the ties between Germany and Italy, or even the entry of Italy into the war as Germany's ally would not be a surprise calculated to have any particularly significant effect upon the international situation. Such an eventuality was fully appreciated when the Allies decided to go to war. The surprise came when Herr Hitler relieved Signor Mussolini of the necessity of honouring his commitments, and, were Italy now to take up arms against the Allies, a situation would be created by no means dissimilar to that which the Allies contemplated towards the end of last August. Should Herr Hitler succeed in bringing about more cordial relations between Italy and Russia, or even create that eastern European bloc of which there has been so much talk, it would amount to no such surprise as might affect the determination of the Allies to fight on until they have attained their war aims. If the eleven points for peace alleged to have been presented to Mr. Welles indeed represent the whole distance which Herr Hitler is prepared to go in his desire for peace, their official delivery to the Allies may be awaited with the completest confidence that they will be rejected. It is significant, however, that they represent some modification of those other terms which have been put forward by Herr Hitler before, and are to be taken as an indication that he is by no means as sure of the ultimate outcome of war as he would have the world believe. It is not the Allies who are making these overtures for peace: it is Herr Hitler, and the more he modifies his terms the more is it to be believed that, while he would never admit a diplomatic defeat by a surrender of all that he has gained, he is prepared to go to very great lengths to avert the fate which he fully realizes awaits him. It is in the fear of defeat that these overtures are being planned, and these continual endeavours to find some sort of formula acceptable to the Allies are even now to be taken as an adequate measure of the man's desperation.

Unspectacular as this war has been up to the present, one important fact stands out prominently. The much vaunted *blitzkrieg*, so successful against smaller nations, cannot be undertaken against the Allies. They are already at their war positions, have had six months in which to perfect their dispositions, and are ready to hit back with just as much power as Germany, if not more. The time has long passed when Herr Hitler could have launched a lightning blow against the Allies, and there is more than a slight suspicion that he would dearly love to secure some sort of peace which might at some future date give him an opportunity of undertaking against the Allies what his preoccupation in Poland prevented him from doing. On the other hand it would be the crowning success of this man's evil career, if he were able to go to his people with any such peace as he apparently proposes, which would justify his boast that he had got what he wanted and yet saved them from the terrors of a big war. That will be denied him, denied him because he and his advisers have utterly failed to understand the spirit animating the Allied peoples, and their determination that the sword shall not be laid aside until the manifest wrongs he has committed are rectified, and Europe enabled to look forward to a period of peace in which to repair all the damage which the satisfaction of a megalomaniac ambition has created. The absence of that jingo spirit which was so marked in Great Britain in the early weeks of the last year has been misinterpreted by the Reich. Its leaders have failed to realize the truth of Kipling's advice regarding the British to beware his country when that country grows polite. There is a cold, bitter, calculating hatred of Herr Hitler, his system and all that they have done, an implacable determination that these things shall be stopped, and a readiness to avoid no sacrifice to see that this shall come about. Until Herr Hitler is prepared to surrender his swag he cannot hope for peace. There could be no hope for peace in the future without the destruction of the military machine which he created for the furtherance of his policies, and there can be no hope for a new order in Europe until Herr Hitler has drunk of the bitter cup which the Allies have brewed for him.

Millions in Movement

No period in history of equal duration has witnessed such immense and rapid population changes as the last three years. The exodus of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land was a small tribal migration in comparison with the vast transformation cities and countries in China and Europe have undergone through warfare. With China split into two areas by the advancing tide of Japanese conquest and the destruction left in the wake of the war, it is impossible to estimate accurately the shift of the teeming millions of the eastern provinces to the western provinces, where General Chiang Kai-shek is striving to create an entirely new economic system, but it must involve millions. Shanghai itself presents a vivid illustration of the change. The population of the International Settlement and the French Concession is now approximately 4,000,000 and the total population of this area is probably about 4,500,000, the latest Japanese estimates regarding the Chinese population of the North of the Creek areas exceeding 600,000. These figures, of course, are merely estimates as the Commissioner of Public Health pointed out in his recent report when he stated that based on death rates the Chinese population of the Settlement is between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000. A city of such a magnitude offers amazing contrasts which explain the complexity of social and economic problems inevitable to the change. Shanghai, in population, exceeds Denmark, Norway, Lithuania and Switzerland, and dwarfs Finland, who gallantly held back the Soviet Russian army with troops recruited from a country a million less populous than this city extending from the Whangpoo to Bubbling Well and Hungjao and down river to Yangtszepoo. Temporary evacuation for safety purposes of millions of people from the great cities in Europe—the reversal of the process in Shanghai—has diminished them. London now has only about 4,000,000 population and a similar evacuation process has reduced Berlin and Paris until Shanghai becomes perhaps third or fourth city in the world computed on this basis. Throughout Central and Northern Europe engulfed in war and Germany's schemes for domination the movement has involved millions of people, at least a million Poles having been brought into Germany after the conquest of Poland. In Finland, a vast trek from Soviet-conquered area is involving about 400,000 people, or nearly a sixth of the entire population. These figures are exclusive of the many millions of men comprising the different armies massed along frontiers or sent overseas. The armies are components of a big organization capable of restoring the men to normal residence in peace time according to the efficiency or success of the organization. The others represent a gigantic problem of readjustment which war, mankind's most potent disruptive force more powerful even than natural calamity, is producing for the statesmen and the economists of the future to solve.

Russia and Norway

While it has been denied that the Soviet has demanded from Norway a port on the latter's western coast, that does not mean that sooner or later such a demand will not be made. The whole of Russian policy has been devoted towards securing an ice-free port on the Atlantic, and the invasion of Finland was only a move preparatory to making such a demand upon Norway. The Finnish-Soviet peace terms, it was pointed out at the time, place Moscow in a favourable position for making an attack on both Sweden and Norway at any time it suits M. Stalin's book, and the developments in Finland are to be taken as merely a preliminary stage to further attempts at expansion westwards. Judging from the severe treatment its armies received at the hands of the Finns, and realizing the determination of the Scandinavian countries to defend their independence and territorial integrity, it is more than likely that the Kremlin will decide to wait a while before putting forward further demands. The Finnish campaign clearly demonstrated that the Russian army was not all it was said to be, and certainly in no condition early to embark upon another campaign, in which it is to be confidently expected the Norwegians and the Swedes would emulate the gallantry of the Finns. On the other hand the latest developments in the Balkans and the possibility of Germany becoming very interested in the desirability of maintaining Rumanian independence may serve to oblige Russia to maintain her concentration on the Scandinavian peninsula, for in the Balkans she appears to be at any rate for the moment held in check. Free access to the Atlantic at all times of the year is something which would prove of enormous economic value to Russia, permitting of continuous communication with the outside world in a manner which is at present denied her, and sooner or later Moscow may be expected to seek to attain her objective, if not by negotiation, then by the utilization of force in precisely the same way as she used it against Finland.

Nazi Incomes

The story told by Mr. R. H. Knickerbocker, regarding the enormous sums of money deposited abroad by the various Nazi leaders, aroused quite a storm of indignation in Berlin, and no small amount of interest abroad. One of the most fruitful causes for speculation was as to where these men obtained their money, and a statement recently appeared in Switzerland, alleged to have been compiled from official sources, suggesting that the leading Nazis are doing very well for themselves. Herr Hitler, the simple soul with modest requirements, pulls down a handsome £211,000 per annum, of which £16,000 represents his salary as Reichspresident, with an entertainment allowance of £17,000, royalties on "Mein Kampf" nets him £134,000 a year, while his dividends from the "Volkischer Beobachter" amount to £16,000. There are a few other smaller sums including salaries as a member of the Reichstag, and leader of the National-Socialist Party. Field-marshal Goering does not do quite so well, only managing to garner in the paltry sum of £112,000, including £10,000 as Field-marshal, entertainment expenses of £15,000,—special crayfish flown from the Danube and all that sort of thing,—£67,000 dividends from industrial shares, and salaries as Prussian Prime Minister, Air Minister, President of the State Council, and chief of the Four Year Plan. While it was never alleged that Herr Hitler had deposited money abroad, Field-marshal Goering was said to be amongst those who did, and the size of the sums alleged to have been stowed away can easily be explained by the enormous incomes these men are receiving for service to their overburdened countrymen. At a conservative estimate the few members of the Nazi hierarchy must be receiving somewhere in the neighbourhood of £1,000,000, quite a high price which Germany has to pay for the doubtful privilege of being dragged into a war which is none of her liking. Indeed if all the stories which come out of Germany are correct, the only method of making plenty of money in the service of the state is to belong to the Nazi Party, for then if one is sufficiently high up the chance of getting into the big money is excellent.

A Country Diary

Shanghai, March 17.—Fishing is now a recognized sport in Jessfield Park and I have found some interest in studying the methods of both fish and fishermen: since fishing must cease by 9 a.m. the anglers are early on the scene and although there may be divided opinions as to the respective virtues of worms and dough as bait, there is complete unanimity concerning the necessity for "something to keep the cold out"....though, again opinions differ as to the exact nature of the said "something." A Brandy-and-ginger-ale told me that he had been fishing since 4.30 a.m. and had caught nothing, but he looked remarkably well and cheerful on the contents of his creel: a Nip-of-Scotch told me exciting tales of 20 and 30 lb. carp, mentioning "a run of 100 feet" which the fish took before being captured: a Quart-of-beer told me that, in addition to the Common Carp there were the Black-headed Carp, the Culter, the Ide and the Eel all waiting to be taken; but a Something-hot-in-a-thermos said that the Ide was more correctly called the Grass Fish, and had been somewhat elusive of late. Having known these ponds since they were swampy pools in the days before Jessfield Park was either born or thought of, I was able to describe some important captures of Carp in the "good old days"....and I have no doubt that the ultimate size of the fish discussed would soon have reached gigantic proportions ....when the Nip-of-Scotch got a bite and landed a Mosquito fish; several Park Keepers rushed up to measure it and, finding it 4 inches below the minimum 6 set by our City Fathers, it was officially returned to its native element. The Quart-of-beer left his two rods to find a bottle-opener, and sport was resumed by all.

RUMANIAN OIL HISTORY

Struggle for Petroleum Deposits

As never before, the Rumanian oil question has assumed a role of outstanding importance in the history of Europe and a great deal depends, indeed, on its outcome. It is the latest stage in a long international struggle to gain control of the immense petroleum deposits with which this country is blessed—or cursed, as some Rumanians now believe. The first, unsuccessful, attempt to work the oil fields in Rumania was made by a British company, the Wallachian Petroleum Co., in 1886, but it was only toward the end of the last century that serious efforts were again made to exploit the oil on a large scale, when, in 1896, the Deutsche Bank had a hand in the founding of the Steaua Romana. Standard Oil followed eight years later, in 1904, and Royal Dutch Shell came along in 1910. The French founded their largest company in the same year.

In Rumania, as in other parts of the world, the Germans took little interest in oil and seemed quite satisfied with their relatively low share, looking on with indifference while Standard Oil and Shell were appropriating the best oil fields in Rumania.

Until the World War the Rumanian oil industry was not specially important. The output for 1906 was 800,000 tons. During the war, partly because some oil fields were destroyed in November, 1916, at the instigation of the Allies, production was set back considerably, and at the end of the war it was barely 1,000,000 tons. The peace treaty ousted all German interests from the oil industry, and the San Remo agreement, signed in 1920, stipulated that 51 per cent. of the German-owned oil stock should go to Rumania, 24½ per cent. each to Britain and France. Later the Rumanian Bank, which had taken over the stock, sold the major part to France and Great Britain.

Foreign Aid Needed for Oil Investments

Inflation boosted the demand for oil, and government support tended to help the domestic enterprise. But even so, most of them failed to prosper owing to lack of capital and experience, and after a few years they had to yield to the foreign companies, which undertook to direct their production. After 1924, when the Rumanian oil output reached the 1914 figure, production began to rise steadily. The top was reached in 1938 with 8,700,000 tons. After that there was a setback, and in 1937 the output was only 7,100,000 tons, in 1938 it was 6,600,000 tons and in 1939 it was only 6,200,000 tons.

Today, the British and the Netherlanders are responsible for 39.8 per cent. of the output, the French for 16.6, the Americans for 12.5, the Belgians for 14.5, Rumanians for 9.7, Italians for 5.5 and other nations for 1.4 per cent. The proportion is about the same with regard to refining. It is interesting at this point to note that Germany made no attempt whatever after the World War to acquire an interest in the Rumanian oil industry. In 1935 1,400,000 tons were exported to Germany; in 1936, 1,700,000 tons; in 1938, 1,000,000 tons, and in 1939, 1,200,000 tons.

Since the war started, oil exports have gone down because both the Allies and Germany have reduced their imports — the former for political reasons, the latter because of transport difficulties. Today, export of oil to western countries is of more vital interest for Rumania than ever before, for it is the only means of obaining free currency with which to buy such products as rubber, scrap iron, cotton; metal—products which Germay is not able to supply. Of this, the Western powers are fully aware and in the oil war which is now being fought between Germany and the Allies, Germany is making full use of the political pressure which her nearness gives her and the Allies of the economic pressure, which their stock of gold enables them to employ.

IN PARENTHESIS

Barrage of Them

An old bed-ridden woman, who had been in hospital for many months, was put into a wheel-chair during an air-raid warning and wheeled across the courtyard to the shelter.

As she went, she looked up at the sky and exclaimed: "Why, we're surrounded by Zeppelins."

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Keep Your Seats

A young recruit in one of the military riding schools fell off his horse.

The sergeant strode up and demanded: "Did you receive orders to dismount?"

"I did sir."

"From what quarters?"

"From hind quarters," said the recruit with a grin.

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Ashes

The Scottish hostess was anxious to do her best for the recruits billeted on her at some distance from a town or a shop of any description.

When she had given up the sitting-room to them she inquired if any of them smoked.

"Yes," they chorused eagerly, "we all do."

"Then," said the good woman, beaming upon them, "I'll bring you some ashtrays."

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"Secret Service"

Instead of signing the chit he had laboriously compiled, the "Grade 1" passed it out with a scribbled endorsement across the bottom.

For a long time nobody in the office could decipher what he had written until an old hand had a brainwave.

Yes! There was no doubt about it!

"Please write more legibly."

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Fuehrer-Driver

He is a bus driver and he had just pulled up at a stop at Camden Town when a middle-aged lady came towards me, stood on tip-toe and made the usual complaint about his not having stopped for her at a request stop.

She had got on to the bus behind and had caught him up.

"Well, madam," he said, "you did not hail me."

"Blimey," she answered, "who do you think you are, Hitler?"

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Looking Ahead

The young children had been photographed at school, and the teacher was trying to persuade them to buy copies to send home to their parents.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at the photograph when you are all grown up," she said.

"You will say, 'There's Jennie, she's married,' or 'That's Stanley, he's a sailor'."

"And that's teacher, she's dead," said a small voice from the back of the classroom.

Allied Prosecution Of War Defended

Mr. Chamberlain Declares Government Cannot Be Hustled; Finland Given All Aid Possible; Nazis Responsible for Defeat of Brave Finns

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 19.

AGITATION for a more vigorous prosecution of the war amounted to a reflection upon the Government, declared Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons this afternoon. The House was crowded, in anticipation of a statement on the German air raid on Scapa Flow and the possible result of the mission of Mr. Sumner Welles to the belligerent Powers. The diplomatic gallery was filled with representatives of all nations.

In a speech which was punctuated with applause throughout, Mr. Chamberlain explained that the Government could not be hustled into a position which might be dangerous, if not disastrous, to the nation. He dwelt briefly on the Scapa Flow raid and the Welles mission, denying that any capital ships had been damaged in the raid, and revealing little more than had been published in official communiques on Mr. Welles' interviews with the Allied authorities.

So far as the more vigorous prosecution of the war was concerned, he stated that the Allied Governments relied upon expert advice as to the time and place when the Allies could best exert extreme pressure on the enemy. The major portion of his speech was, however, devoted to the Allies policy in regard to Finland.

Commons Crowded

London, Mar. 19.

An undercurrent of keen interest and some excitement was evident when the House of Commons met this afternoon to hear the Prime Minister's statement on the present situation. Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, the American Ambassador, was sitting next to M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, in the Diplomatic Gallery. The Belgian, French, Chinese, Turkish and Argentine Ambassadors were in the Ambassadors' Gallery. Ministers from smaller neutral countries and Dominion High Commissioners were also present. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was loudly cheered on rising, referred at the outset to Finland.

"Nothing has happened to modify the first impression that a great tragedy has occurred," the Prime Minister declared. "Consideration of the peace terms only confirmed the view that they were such that could only be accepted under direct compulsion. It is no use to pretend that they do not gravely compromise the independence and integrity of that country.

"It is bitter thought indeed, for all lovers of freedom, that the prolonged and heroic defence of the Finns was in the end unable to withstand the overwhelming superiority in numbers and equipment of their foes.

Finn Stand Not in Vain

"Their stand was not in vain," Mr. Chamberlain added (Cheers).

"They have preserved their honour," he continued, "and have won the respect of the world," (Cheers). "Their Government still holds office, and their army is intact. The spirit of their people is unbroken," he declared.

Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said: "If we in this country, in spite of all we did, were unable to save Finland from her fate, perhaps our power to help Finland is not yet at an end." (Loud cheers).

"We shall watch with deepest sympathy her efforts to rebuild her national life and if, as seems almost certain, further aid is required to help her to her feet, I know that this country with others, will gladly take its share in contribution to the regeneration of Finland.

"The collapse of Finnish resistance caused a profound shock throughout the world. Once again we were compelled to see another small state the victim of that aggression we have taken up arms to resist.

German Responsibility

"It can only be expected that German propaganda would exploit this event, to remove the responsibility from themselves and throw it on to others. But Germany cannot escape her responsibility." (Cheers). "Finland would never have been invaded, but for the pact between Germany and the Soviet," Mr. Chamberlain declared.

"It was only German threats which terrified Scandinavian countries into with-holding help which might have saved her.

"Any suggestion that this country and France in any way failed in their obligations, to do their utmost to assist Finland in her need, is one that cannot for a moment be maintained." (Cheers).

"Least of all," he went on, "should such a suggestion come from individuals in countries far away from the seat of war....." (Mr. Chamberlain was at this point interrupted with prolonged cheers)...."and who have never felt any anxiety for their friends or themselves.

British Aid for Finns

Mr. Chamberlain then said that he would deal with the question of assistance to Finland under two heads, namely, assistance in material, and assistance in men.

In regard to material he reminded the House that the country was at war, and that all requests for help from friendly neutrals must therefore be weighed in the balance against Britain's own needs. Much as they desired to give Finland all she asked, he said, they had always to bear in mind that whatever they gave, it was at the expense of their own strength and at the risk of their own people. He emphasized Finland's geographical position in relation to this country, and that supplies had to traverse dangers, pass through two other countries, along a railway already seriously over-loaded, and then go long distances through Finland by railway which was never meant to carry such loads.

The difficulties were formidable, but nevertheless, the appeal from Finland did not remain unanswered, and every request from Finland was considered promptly.

Material Actually Sent

The Premier then gave a list of the material promised, and that already sent. Finland was promised 152 aeroplanes, and 101 were sent, he said. Two hundred and twenty-three guns were promised, and 114 were sent. In ammunition, 297,200 shells were promised, and 185,000 were sent. One hundred Vicker's guns were promised and all sent;

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Civil War Threat For India Made

Subhas Bose Denounces Mr. Gandhi, Compromise Leaders of Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Ramgarh, Mar. 19.

Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the All-India "Anti-Compromise" Congress, in his presidential address today denounced Mr. M. K. Gandhi and the present right-wing Congress High Command. He charged the High Command with side-tracking the issue by the demand for a "fake constituent assembly."

Subhas Chandra Bose added that in the event of a compromise with imperialism being effected, the Indian left-wing would have to fight, not only imperialism, but its "new-fangled Indian allies as well." This must necessarily mean, he added, that the national struggle against imperialism would be converted into a civil war between Indians themselves.—Reuter.

Mr. M. K. Gandhi's Statement

Ramgarh, Mar. 19.

A resolution demanding complete independence for India, and rejecting Dominion status as a solution of the problem, was adopted by the Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress by an overwhelming majority on Monday.

After the committee's action Mr. M. K. Gandhi, replying to criticism of his "readiness to compromise with Britain" on India's future, declared: "I shall go to the Viceroy fifty times if necessary."

After offering to "start the fight" in a month if congressmen would eradicate "lack of discipline and an atmosphere of violence," Mr. Gandhi added, "I don't find anything to suggest that we are ready for a fight immediately."

Right to Self-Determination

The right for India to frame her own constitution without outside interference was demanded by Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, at the opening of the 53rd session today. The foundation of India's problem, he said, was whether she was entitled to determine her own fate or not. The whole question of Indian nationalism was based on it.

The British Government did not accept the position that India had a right to self-determination, and he urged that India "must, and will, go forward on the path of non-co-operation."

An inquiry, he recommended, should be addressed to the world regarding whether there was a better solution to the problem than the one proposed by Congress.

"Our success depends upon three factors—unity, discipline and full confidence in Mr. Gandhi's leadership," Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad concluded.—Reuter.

Commons Query on Oil Supplies for Reich

Montreux Convention Prevents Naval Control

London, Mar. 19.

The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. R. H. Cross, was asked in the House of Commons this afternoon what steps were being taken to prevent the passage across the Black Sea of oil destined for Germany, via the Danube.

Mr. Cross replied that in the absence of contraband control in the Black Sea, it was not possible to prevent the passage of oil by the Sea to Germany.

Under the Montreux Convention he added, belligerent warships could not pass through the Straits to the Black Sea.—Reuter.

Italian Collier Sinks After Blast

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 19.

Following an explosion, the Italian collier Tyna Primo, 4,853 tons, broke in two off the south-eastern coast of England yesterday. Thirty-six of crew were saved. One was drowned. —Reuter.

Naval Battle Reported Off Norway

Bergen, Mar. 19.

A naval battle was reported off the coast of Norway last night, but no ships were visible from the shore. Heavy gunfire was heard from the shore for some hours, and at one time more than 30 shots were fired in quick succession. Firing ceased about 10 p.m.—United Press.

Deadliest Bomb on Trial

Washington, Mar. 19.

A joint Congressional committee yesterday granted Mr. Lester P. Barlow, bomb designer, permission to test the "world's deadliest bomb" in two or three weeks.—United Press.

Russia to Let Aaland Islands Be Fortified

Sweden and Norway Deny Reported Soviet Demand For Scandinavian Ports

Stockholm, Mar. 19.

Russia has withdrawn her objections to the fortification of the Aaland Islands and has promised she will make no more territorial demands in north-west Europe, the Foreign Office Spokesman said here yesterday.

Russia also requested that friendly relations be re-established as soon as possible with the Scandinavian countries, the spokesman said.

The spokesman disclosed that Germany had formally threatened intervention if Allied intervention was permitted in the Russo-Finnish war. Germany, however, did not object to the passage of Allied war materials and volunteers across the Scandinavian countries, he said. He denied that the Soviet Union had requested free port rights in the Gulf of Bothnia.

Denying charges of the foreign press that Sweden had deserted and refused aid to Finland, the spokesman stated that no other foreign aid had reached Finland during the first month and one-half of the war except from Sweden.

Swedish Aid Saved Finns

"We can now state," he said, "that Swedish aid saved the Finn Army, especially in halting the Salla offensive through Finland's waist line."

The Swedish Government is preparing for publication a list of all financial, military, and relief aid given Finland throughout the war.

One prominent military authority told the United Press that military supplies were furnished in such quantities that the Swedish Army reserve and even active equipment was almost exhausted. He added that "Sweden would have been in a disastrous military position if we had been involved in a war through intervention in Finland, due to the depletion of our stocks to help Finland." This was believed to be one of the basic factors determining the Government's policy in regard to the Russo-Finnish war.

It was reliably learned that Sweden gave almost double the amount of aid supplied by any other country to Finland.—United Press.

Norwegian Statement

Oslo, Mar. 19.

The Foreign Minister M. Halvdan Koht, yesterday said reports from Stockholm that Russia had demanded Norwegian and Swedish harbours were unfounded. So far as Norway is concerned, he said, no such demands have been made.—United Press.

List of British Aid Given

Geneva, Mar. 18.

The League of Nations today published a list, sent by Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, of contributions made to Finland by Great Britain up to March 8. The list includes 144 planes, anti-tank guns, hand-grenades, rifles, machine-guns, field-guns, large quantities of munitions, tanks, gas masks, raw material such as rubber, jute, and lastex.—Havas.

Mines Delay Reopening Of Yangtze

Japanese Army Anxious to Fulfil Promises

Nanking, Mar. 19.

That the Japanese army authorities in China were continuing preparations for the reopening of the Yangtze River was reported today by Gen. Toshizo Nishio, Commander-in-Chief of Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, in an interview with British and American diplomats.

Mr. H. H. Thomas, of the British Embassy in China; Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, British Consul-General at Nanking, and Mr. E. F. Stanton, newly-appointed American Consul at Nanking, called on Gen. Nishio at 4.45 o'clock this afternoon. They conferred for half an hour.

The Japanese army desired to reopen the river as soon as possible, Gen. Nishio said. Much danger, however, still exists, he said, because of floating mines which were being released in the upper portion of the stream by the Chungking Government and were floating down the river.—Domei.

Nazi Pocket Battleship Believed Sighted

Husband of U.S. Poetess Says Raider Seen in West Indies

New York, Mar. 19.

Mr. Tugen Boissevain, husband of Edna St. Vincent Millay, famous poetess, sent a letter to the "New York Herald-Tribune" today reporting that he and his wife had seen what they believed was either the German pocket battleship Deutschland or Admiral Von Scheer off the coast of Tortola, Virgin Islands, March 9.

The warship, he said, flew only a yellow banner and halted three miles from St. Johns Island, a United States possession. A black freighter suddenly appeared alongside the warship and remained for over four hours, Mr. Boissevain reported.

British authorities were notified of the appearance of the warcraft but British ships were unable to reach the island in time to investigate because of the location of Tortola, he wrote.—United Press.

Anglo-Spanish Trade Agreement Signed

Madrid, Mar. 19.

An Anglo-Spanish trade agreement has been signed, according to a statement issued by the Spanish Foreign Office yesterday. The agreement, effective immediately, will allow Spain to purchase raw materials in determined quantities not only in the United Kingdom but in the whole sterling area. Spain has signed a trade agreement with Switzerland also.—Reuter.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei Arrives in Nanking

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, president of the Orthodox Kuomintang, arriving in Nanking by air on Monday to attend the Central Political Conference. On the right is Dr. Chu Min-yi, Secretary-General of the party.

Minor Parties Attack Tokyo Foreign Minister in Diet

Guards Called on to Eject Rowdy Member Meet Resistance; Disturbance Over Asama Maru Case

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

A HECTIC disturbance, in which the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, was accused of being a "coward" and "Foreign Minister of Britain" by members of the Social Mass and Jikyoku Doshikai Parties who shook their fists at Mr. Arita, pounded desks and burst into tears, marred the session of the Lower House today.

The belligerent attitude of the minor party members became so serious that guards were ordered to eject one member. But this only added to the general confusion, for colleagues of the member surrounded the guards and scuffles followed, forcing the speaker to call a recess and order the clearing of the House.

The stormy scenes were the result of Mr. Arita's refusal to answer an interpellator, Dr. Ichiro Kiyose, who charged the Foreign Minister with incompetence and subterfuge in handling the "Asama Maru case." The case involved the seizure of 21 Germans by the British Navy from the Japanese Asama Maru. Nine of the men were returned to Japan after a series of protests.

Charges Ignored

The storm broke as Mr. Arita ignored Dr. Kiyose's charges. His silence, however, enraged members of the Social Mass and Jikyoku Doshikai Parties who rushed toward the rostrum.

They shook their fists at Mr. Arita, stamped loudly on the floor, pounded desks and shouted.

They yelled "coward" at Mr. Arita and demanded to know whether he was "Foreign Minister of Japan or Britain?" Some of the members were so annoyed at Mr. Arita that they burst into tears.

Observers said that the session was one of the most disorderly ones seen in the Lower House in recent years.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Shoju Koyama, attempted to restore order by having the House guards eject one of the most boisterous of the demonstrators. His action, however, led to increased wild scenes, for adherents of the demonstrator faced with ejection clashed with the guards.

House Cleared

Realizing that the situation tended to become serious, Mr. Koyama declared a recess and officially ordered the House cleared. This action prevented the incident from growing into a serious riot.

Dr. Kiyose, in his interpellation, said that Britian refused to express regrets over the "Asama Maru case" until Japan had agreed to forbid passage aboard Japanese ships to belligerent nationals liable to military service.

Such a decision by Japan, he charged, led foreign Powers to believe that Japan was weak. Because of such a belief the United States made a U.S.$20,000,000 loan to Chungking and the British and French authorities began seizures of mails from Japanese ships.

Mr. Arita's Defence

The House of Representatives reconvened at 5.20 p.m., when Mr. Arita defended the Japanese Government's procedure in connection with the Asama Maru.

He said that the British note of January 27 clearly showed British regrets, and this was tantamount to an apology.

The Foreign Minister's explanation only resulted in renewed disturbances, for he was interrupted with cries of "Don't tell us lies."

Mr. Arita, however, was finally permitted to conclude his statement on the case, after which he proceeded with other business.

Dr. Kiyose, however, indicated that he was far from satisfied with the explanation and said that he would reopen the case at the earliest opportunity.—United Press.

Powers Must Give Up Concessions

Japanese Spokesman Says Tientsin Blockade Will Otherwise Be Maintained

Tientsin, Mar. 19.

"Only after Japan, Italy and other foreign Powers have rendered their concessions to China, will there be any prospects of the Japanese blockade of the concessions at Tientsin being lifted."

This was the personal opinion of a Japanese military spokesman in reply to a question on the subject at the press conference today.

Referring to the Tientsin silver question, he declared the issue could not be settled before the new régime under Mr. Wang Ching-wei was established. The problem would be one of the first items to be taken up following inauguration of the "Central Government," he added.

Amplifying the spokesman's statement, the interpreter remarked that solution of the silver question would be a contributory factor towards settlement of the blockade question, but a final settlement could not be expected before the matter of rendition of concessions was satisfactorily decided.—Reuter.

Mails from Europe to Shanghai

Question Asked in Commons On Transmission Times

London, Mar. 19.

Times of transmission of mails to Shanghai had varied within somewhat wide limits, and in very favourable conditions they were about six weeks via North America, five weeks via Suez, and four weeks via Siberia, declared Captain Waterhouse, Assistant Postmaster-General, in replying to a question in the House of Commons last evening.

Homeward times, he added, were substantially similar.

Captain Waterhouse stated it was hoped that a better service via Suez would be shortly available.

Asked if advantage had been taken of the fast service of Italian vessels from Trieste to Shanghai, Captain Waterhouse said intermittent sailings of the Italian line robbed it of the advantage of its speed for the conveyance of mails.—Reuter.

U.S. Aircraft Merger Announced

Curtiss Wright and Atlas Corporations Do Deal

New York, Mar. 19.

The merger was announced last night of the US$60,000,000 Curtiss Wright Aeronautical Corporation and the US$105,000,000 Atlas Corporation, the largest investment company in the world.

Mr. Floyd B. Odlum, President of the Atlas Corporation, described the deal as "unique in the history of Finance." He said the merger would increase Curtiss Wright capital by approximately US$36,000,000.—United Press.

Japanese Protest Lodged In London

London, Mar. 19.

Japanese Embassy authorities here yesterday lodged a written protest with the British Foreign Office in connection with a recent British accusation regarding the alleged levying of a tariff on Chinese entering the British Concession at Tientsin by Japanese authorities.

The protest requested that the accusation be announced in the House of Commons as groundless.—Domei.

Economy Committee Formed by S.M.C.

The Shanghai Municipal Council has appointed a special committee to investigate the possibility of effecting economies in the Municipal administration. The following have consented to serve on this Committee:—

Mr. J. D. Carriere, Manager of the Java-China-Japan Line.

Mr. Issaku Okamoto, Director of the Japanese Cotton Mill-owners' Association.

Mr. T. S. Powell, Member of Council.

Mr. Yulin Hsi, Member of Council.

It is not anticipated that this special committee will be able to report during the current municipal year.

Mr. Hull Defines Welles Mission

American Statesman Not Taking Part in Any Negotiations

Washington, Mar. 19.

The assertion that the American Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, is not taking part in any European negotiations, which was made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday, is considered in Washington as an attempt to quell the concern caused by the delay in Mr. Welles' departure from Italy.

Diplomatic circles here believe the U.S. Government wishes to dispel the impression that the United States may take part either directly or indirectly in any peace offensive launched by the European dictatorships.

Mr. Welles, it is stressed, at no time figured as anything other than a mere observer.

Mr. Hull conferred at length with President Roosevelt yesterday on the international situation in general. During his usual press conference, Mr. Hull declared that Mr. Welles was continuing his task of obtaining information and facts destined to clear up the European war picture. He stressed, however, that Mr. Welles was not taking part in any negotiations. He added that the visit paid by Mr. Welles to Pope Pius XII was of no particular significance.

President Roosevelt is still suffering from a bad cold and has been confined to his rooms for a few days but he was able to receive a number of visitors yesterday, including the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, President of the German Red Cross, who was accompanied by Mr. Norman Davis, President of the American Red Cross. —Havas.

Sharp Artillery Duels On West Front

Brussels, Mar. 19.

Sharp artillery duels took place yesterday morning on the Western Front, according to a Luxemburg dispatch. French batteries shelled Hammelsberg and Schneeberg, while the Germans bombarded the Kirscherberg district, the message said.—Reuter.

French Repulse Raiders

Paris, Mar. 19.

German troops yesterday carried out several raids on French outposts on a twelve-mile front, between the basin formed by the Moselle and Nied rivers. Defenders raked the Germans with a withering fire from automatic arms and, backed by strong support from artillery, repulsed the raiders. French patrols were also active on this sector.

There was nothing to report, said the latest French Army communique. —Reuter.

London Uninformed of Alleged Nazi Peace Proposals

No Such Plan Presented by Mr. Welles; Possible "Peace Offensive" Will Fail

London, Mar. 19.

British official quarters have no comment to make on the meeting yesterday between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent understands.—Reuter.

Peace Drive Will Fail

London, Mar. 19.

Government circles of all parties here yesterday gave the impression that the peace offensive of Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini would fail.

House of Commons lobbies, however, believed that the war had reached a turning point and the Cabinet must act to buffet charges of irresolution if peace mongers are not to grow formidable.

Official quarters here last night said Britain had no knowledge of Herr Hitler's reported "peace proposals" and denied they had been presented to the Government by Mr. Sumner Welles, or anyone else.

It was understood in official quarters here that the report had come as a complete surprise to the Government. The Government will make no official comment, it was said, at least, not until the report has been authenticated.

It was pointed out that the Allied peace aims have already been clearly stated many times in the past.—United Press.

Vatican Source Reveals Nazi Peace Proposals

Il Duce Called Brenner Pass Meeting to Urge Fuehrer to Make Concessions; Eleven Points

Rome, Mar. 19.

SIGNOR Benito Mussolini, in his surprise meeting with Chancellor Adolf Hitler at the Brenner Pass yesterday, urged Herr Hitler to delay his threatened "great offensive" and agree to further concessions in the eleven-point German proposals for a compromise peace, a high Vatican source understood here last night.

Pope Pius, in his 50-minute audience with the United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, yesterday, was believed to have passed on to the American statesman the peace proposals received last week from the German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop. Later, Mr. Welles received a return courtesy call from Luigi Cardinal Maglione, the Vatican Secretary of State. Mr. Welles' spokesman at the American Embassy here said the American statesman had no intention of seeing Il Duce again unless Signor Mussolini requested another visit.

It was said Mr. Sumner Welles had found the original German peace proposals were unacceptable and were actually scoffed at in London and Paris. The Vatican source said that, following the talks between the German and Italian leaders, "it is believed the Germans will make further concessions." He did not indicate, however, how much further it was felt Chancellor Hitler would go.

The eleven German points, upon which the Welles mission refused to comment, it was understood by the Vatican source, were not actual peace terms but were more in the form of "feelers" which would be elaborated later.

Therefore, Signor Mussolini, after learning from Mr. Welles that Herr Hitler's proposals were doomed to collapse unless further concessions were swiftly arranged, called the Brenner Pass meeting after Mr. Welles had arrived in Rome on Friday evening with discouraging news regarding the outlook for peace, the Vatican authority said.

Mr. Welles Urged Concessions

The same source said Mr. Welles urged Il Duce to see Herr Hitler immediately to inform him that his proposals could not be accepted by the Allies, and therefore he must make further concessions if any peace movement was to have any success.

Whether Sr. Mussolini was able to obtain such further concessions from the Nazi leader was an Italo-German official secret last night. The fact, however, that Sr. Mussolini emerged from the talk in his railway carriage in a cheerful mood, while Herr Hitler was stern and contemplative, caused some speculation that Il Duce might have been to some extent successful. At least, observers here saw hopes of keeping alive the spark of peace stirred by Mr. Welles' visit to European capitals.

Herr Hitler's eleven point proposals as a basis for a compromise peace, as presented to Mr. Welles, according to the Vatican source, "far from satisfied the desires of the Allies."

Eleven Points Defined

The proposals are purported to include, according to the same source, the following points:

1. A general, simultaneous disarmament on land, sea and air.

2. The formation of a small independent Poland in the central part of the former state around Warsaw of about ten or eleven million inhabitants. Gdynia would be a Polish port, giving access to the Baltic. The Poles would have the Free Port of Danzig also for the facilitation of Polish commerce to the Baltic Sea. The boundaries of the small Polish State would be determined by plebiscites under international commissions. Also, minority problems would be solved in the Danubian and Polish zones by way of mass emigrations.

New Czechoslovak State

3. The Czechs, Slovaks and Ruthenians would form a tripartite state allied to the Reich, in which Germany would hold certain industrial and communications rights for 25 years.

4. Austria would forever remain in the Reich.

5. Germany would get back her colonies within 25 years, or at least certain colonial concessions or protection for German emigration to certain zones in Africa.

6. A Danubian confederation would be formed with the participation of Germany and Italy as the great guardian powers, also including Yugoslavia, Albania, Bohemia and Slovakia.

7. Thereafter, the Balkan *Status Quo* would be maintained with the frontiers of areas such as Rumania's Bessarabia and Transylvania, being protected.

8. There would be absolute liberty of religion. Germany's few remaining Jews would emigrate, under the direction of Britain, to Palestine, Italy, East Africa and French Madagascar.

Complete Liberty of Trade

9. There would be absolute liberty of trade after the war with no tariff barriers for raw materials, direct contacts for economic collaboration with the United States and also the facilitation of German and Italian emigration, such as the Italians of Tunisia and the Germans of Africa.

10. There would be special treatment of Italian commerce in Djibouti and also free passage through the Suez Canal beginning in 1945.

11. There would be a new status for Italians in Tunisia.

The last two points denote collaboration of the Axis to obtain satisfaction for Italy's "natural aspirations," the Vatican source said.—United Press.

Vatican Scouts Reports

Rome, Mar. 19.

Informed circles in the Vatican scout reports, published in New York, of alleged peace proposals, said to have been submitted to the Pope by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

Italians Deny Proposals

Rome, Mar. 19.

Italian officials today flatly denied reports of an alleged eleven-point peace proposal put forward by Herr Hitler during his talks with Signor Mussolini at Brenner Pass yesterday.

Sig. Virgino Gayda, editor of "Giornale d'Italia" also said it was absurb and preposterous to place Il Duce in the position of official peace emissary in the current war. He added that no Government has yet made any peace proposals and indicated that the war promises to be long and arduous.—United Press.

Balkan Peace Bloc Said Envisaged

Observers Comment on Brenner Pass Meeting; Rumania Being Wooed

Rome, Mar. 19.

That Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini discussed a German-Russian-Italian Balkan bloc for keeping the Balkans and Danubian Europe definitely out of the war is a theory gaining ground here. Political observers tend to combine this initiative with the peace treaty between Finland and Russia, and the firm position of the Scandinavian countries as neutrals.—Reuter.

"Rearrangement of Europe"

Amsterdam, Mar. 19

"No peace plan but a Russian-Italian rapprochement and a Russian-German-Italian rearrangement of Europe" is the latest diagnosis of the conversation between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, at Brenner yesterday, by well-informed Dutch correspondents in Berlin.

Official German circles will still go no further than to describe foreign reports of the talk as "speculation" and, at the same time, to oppose energetically any tendency to minimize the importance of the event. The German press praises the solidarity of the Axis and refers to alleged uneasiness in Paris and London. In official circles, however, there is now open talk of the desirability of a better understanding between Russia and Italy.—Reuter.

Berlin-Moscow-Rome Declaration

Zurich, Mar. 19.

A combined declaration by Germany, Italy and Russia to maintain peace in the Balkans is regarded in Berlin as one of the likely consequences of the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, according to Berlin reports published in the "Basler Nachrichten."

Observers in Switzerland believe that Germany, having secured her northern flank against attack, is trying now to protect herself in south-eastern Europe by enlisting Italian and Russian support to exclude the Allies from that region. It is thought that Germany already gained an advantage by aiding the reconciliation between the Iron Guard and the Rumanian Government.—Reuter.

Hitler Wooing Bucharest

Bucharest, Mar. 19.

Germany's policy toward Rumania is inspired by a desire to forestall diplomatic manœuvres on which Moscow is expected to embark shortly, according to Allied observers here. Circles in close contact with the Soviet Legation here emphasize that Russia must safeguard her position in the Black Sea but disclaim knowledge of any intention on the part of Russia to demand naval bases on the Rumanian coast.

Germany is wooing Rumania with a promise that Herr Hitler will not allow any pressure on Rumania by Russia, according to these quarters. Another German manœuvre is the offer of large supplies of anti-aircraft guns for the defence of Rumania, they say.—Reuter.

French Comments

Paris, Mar. 18.

Great Britain and France, having made clear their war aims, need not be concerned at the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, but nevertheless, must closely watch the diplomatic game that is being played between Rome and Berlin, "Le Temps" stated in an editorial today which summed up the general reaction of French opinion to the Duce-Fuehrer talks.

"It has always been expected that Germany, before seeking a decision on the battlefield, would launch a sudden peace offensive in which she would endeavour to include President Roosevelt, the Pope, and most of the neutral states, in favour of a compromise that would leave her the greatest part of her loot," the paper said. "A calm and determined stand on our part will be sufficient to cause the failure of any such attempt."

The opinion prevails in some quarters here that a peace offensive could not have been the only subject discussed between the two dictators and that, in the light of Germany's recent diplomatic actions, the elimination of British and French interests in South-East Europe must also have been one of the topics brought up by the Fuehrer. Indeed, Berlin and Moscow are now holding Finland's example before the eyes of Rumania, Greece, and even Turkey, trying to convince these states that the Finns were the victims of guarantees given them by Britain and France.—Havas.

Reactions in Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 19.

The meeting yesterday between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini "showed the firmness of a common basis of German-Italian co-operation," states the German news agency, which notes that no details of the Brenner Pass conversation had yet been obtained here.

"The hope for Western Powers that Germany and Italy could ever be separated from their common basis must be considered foolish in view of this fact," the news agency says. "It may be emphasized that at yesterday's conversation all the foremost problems of the day were discussed in a spirit of frankness, which is a matter of course.—Reuter.

British Merchant Ship-Building Soon to Exceed Sinking Rate

Commons Informed of Admiralty Construction Plans; Labour Motion of Criticism Defeated

London, Mar. 19.

THE Admiralty intended to achieve maximum capacity in shipyards in merchant ship construction and to provide tonnage far exceeding any rate of sinking to be expected, declared the Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Shakespeare and Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, reviewed Britain's shipping and shipbuilding position following the introduction of a Labour motion criticising the Ministry of Shipping and demanding speedy expansion of the ship-construction programme. The motion, moved by Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Labour member for the Seaham Division of Durham, was defeated by a vote of 266 to 99.

Taking part in the debate to explain how the Admiralty was discharging its responsibility for merchant shipbuilding, Mr. Shakespeare said the potential capacity of British shipyards today was not less than their capacity at the highest peak of shipbuilding during the World War.

At the outbreak of war more than 900,000 tons of naval vessels and about 750,000 tons of merchant ships were under construction, he added.

If, as the war proceeded, it became apparent that berths should be turned over from naval to mercantile construction, that must be done, for there might come a stage in the war when merchant ships would be almost more precious than warships, Mr. Shakespeare stated.

Increased Employment

Since the war started the number of men employed in shipbuilding had risen from 90,000 to 131,000, and 20,000 more skilled men were wanted immediately, he said.

In introducing the motion of criticism, Mr. Shinwell said the Ministry of Shipping had entered into agreements with neutral shipowners for use of their vessels at rates much higher than those received by British shipowners.

It was rather alarming, the Labour member stated, that Britain had lost more than 750,000 tons of merchant ships in the first six months of the war, besides many vessels damaged.

He added that at present there were more than 16,000 men unemployed in the shipbuilding and ship-repairing industries, as well as 20,000 engineers. He understood that 70 per cent. of shipbuilding at present was on the naval account, and suggested that the Admiralty should be requested to release as many skilled men as it could for building a merchant navy.

Agreement with Neutrals

In reply, the Minister of Shipping said the Government was satisfied that agreements with neutral ship owners represented a reasonable bargain to the mutual advantage of both parties. It was inevitable, he said, that rates for neutral vessels should be higher than those for British ships because in chartering neutrals the Government was competing in an international market.

Sir John mentioned loans granted in respect of 55 new vessels, and referred to a proposed scheme of compensation whereby owners of ships lost by war risks would be given cash in an amount equal to that for which the ships were insured before the war, plus a sum to be assessed by an independent tribunal, which would be held in trust until the owners signed a contract for replacement of the lost vessels.

The Minister of Shipping paid a tribute to men of the mercantile marine and fishermen, and praised the valuable contribution made by the Empire, particularly India.—Reuter.

Success of Convoy System Proved

Admiralty Statement Shows Week Shipping Losses Still Lower

London, Mar. 19.

An Admiralty announcement today says: "Fantastic and untrue statements of British losses at sea are constantly being made by the enemy, very often to obtain information. A statement containing a full list of all British, Allied and neutral mercantile marine losses due to enemy action is issued weekly by the Admiralty, and this statement is the British answer to all such German claims. It is also the policy of the Admiralty to publish the loss of His Majesty's ships as soon as the next of kin of the casualties have been informed."—Reuter.

Big Decrease in Losses

London, Mar. 19.

During the week ending at midnight on Sunday, nine British, Allied and neutral ships were lost as the result of enemy action, representing a total of 23,992 tons, the Admiralty announces today. Three of the ships were British, totalling 5,499 tons, two French, 3,172 tons, and four neutral, 15,321 tons. None of the ships lost were in convoy.

The total tonnage lost was well below the average for the 28 weeks since hostilities began. The majority of casualties were due to illegal mines, it is stated.

Only four ships have been sunk by U-boats since February 24, and, the Admiralty adds, "those U-boats which may have escaped destruction, have presumably withdrawn to rest and recover their shattered nerves."

Up to march 13, 28 ships had been lost in convoy, but of a total of 12,816 belonging to Britain and Allied and neutral countries, escorted in British convoys. Only two neutral ships have been lost out of a total of 1,614 convoyed.

The French Minister for Naval Affairs, M. Cesar Campinchi, recently announced that more than 2,000 ships had also been convoyed by the French navy, with the loss of only four vessels, the statement adds. Thus more than 15,000 ships have been convoyed by the Allied navies with the loss of only about one in 500.—Reuter.

France to Call Up More Soldiers

Paris, Mar. 18.

The next contingent of men twenty years of age will be called to the colours on April 15, April 16, and April 17 this year, the Ministry of War and National Defence announced today. A part of this contingent will be sent to North Africa for their military service.—Havas.

Japan-Columbia Trade Talks Likely

Barter System Pact is Probable Says Tokyo

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Reaching of an understanding on March 15 between Japan and Argentina on a basis for a barter system was expected by well-informed observers here today to be a stepping stone for the conclusion of a similar agreement between Japan and Columbia.

Some quarters here also predicted that the Japanese Government would soon take steps to open negotiations with Brazil and Chile for the regulation of trade relations under a barter system.

Business circles were reported to be particularly anxious that Government authorities pay serious attention to the improvement of trade relations with Brazil.

Japan's trade with Latin-American countries last year, they pointed out, amounted to Y.115,729,000 worth of imports and Y.67,110,000 exports, an unfavourable balance to Japan of Y.48,619,000.

This was mostly due, business circles explained, to Japan's adverse trade with Brazil. From this country Japan last year bought Y.59,000,000 worth more of goods than she sold, thus accounting for nearly all of the amount of the unfavourable balance.—Domei.

Giant British Liners May Go to Australia

Washington British Embassy Silent on New York Reports

Washington, Mar. 18.

British Embassy officials here declined to comment today on reports from New York regarding the possible use of the two British liners, Queen Mary and Mauretania, as transport ships for troops. They referred questions to the Cunard White Star Line.

New York reports said the vessels would soon leave New York for Australia and be assigned for troop transportation between Australia and undivulged British concentration points.—United Press.

Chungking Admits Lingshan's Loss

Chinese Troops Said to Have Launched Attack on Japanese Communications

Chungking, Mar. 19.

As Japanese troops entered Lingshan, an important town on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border, at noon yesterday, Chinese forces have launched a counter-offensive against the Japanese east of the highway between Nanning and Yamchow, according to Chinese dispatches from the South Kwangsi front received here today.

By the night of March 17, it is stated, three Japanese columns, converging on Lingshan from the north-west, west and south-west, approached its outskirts and entered the town at noon yesterday.

Chinese forces, concentrated in the vicinity of the town, are said to have started a counter-offensive early yesterday morning, sending a strong column into the Japanese rear towards the main highway.

Heavy fighting, the dispatches add, is at present in progress in the Lingshan area, with Chinese troops steadily closing in on the Japanese.—Reuter.

Drive on Taiping

Nanning, Mar. 19.

Chinese troops have disappeared completely from the Nanning perimeter following the Japanese entry into Lingshan Sunday, field dispatches reaching here said today. The latest Japanese drive in the vicinity of Nanning were launched less than ten days ago.

Following up the results of the capture of Lingshan by four Japanese detachments on Sunday night, the central and left wing Japanese detachments made a midnight drive on Taiping, 20 kilometres west of Lingshan to annihilate the remnants of Chinese troops in the neighbourhood, according to the reports.

In co-operation with ground operations, two Japanese army air units bombed the retreating Chinese troops.—Domei.

Political Conference Opens Today

Nanking, Mar. 19.

China's eighth central administration in 28 strife-ridden years moved a step nearer realization today as 31 chosen men of varied political views and affiliations rallied here to the call of "Peace and National Salvation."

Convened by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former Prime Minister of China and now president of the "Orthodox" Kuomintang, the gathering, known as the Central Political Conference, will open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.—Domei.

Six Hurt When Speeding Car Crashes

Six Chinese were injured last night in a motor car accident in Avenue Joffre. Speeding eastward at about 50 miles an hour, a Chinese-driven car swerved out to pass another car, found it impossible to get by because a car was approaching, and so swerved in to the left again to find itself almost on top of a pedestrian island which the car veered around, still at high speed, only to crash head on into a tree on the edge of the pavement. The rear of the car swung round, bowling over two Chinese pedestrians on its way into a porcelain shop. The pedestrians got up with minor injuries only but the owner of the car, sitting beside the driver, had banged his head against the windshield, fracturing his skull. The driver's face and head were badly cut while the two passengers sitting in the rear seat suffered a broken thigh and deep face cuts respectively.

Reshuffle in Chungking Foreign Office

Chungking, Mar. 19.

Reorganization of the Foreign Office and a reshuffle of its personnel have been officially announced. The following appointments have been made:

Mr. Hsu Kung-su—Director of the General Affairs Department.
Mr. Yang Yun-chu—Director of the East Asiatic Affairs Department.
Mr. Tsou Shan-yu—Director of the West Asiatic Affairs Department.
Mr. Liu Su-shun—Director of the European Affairs Department.
Mr. Tuan Mou-lan—Director of the American Affairs Department.
Mr. Tu Yun-tang—Director of the Treaty Affairs Department.
Mr. Chu Shih-ming—Director of the Intelligence and Publicity Department
Mr. Li Chao, Mr. Ling Chi-han and Mr. Ching Tao-hsin have been appointed Senior Secretaries.—Reuter.

Turkey Extends Working Hours in Industries

Ankara, Mar. 19.

To ensure the country's preparedness, the government is to extend the daily working hours from nine to twelve in all industries, factories, workshops, mines and other departments whose outputs require increasing. The new law will apply to women and children who will in future work on night shifts, which in the past has been strictly forbidden.—Reuter.

Drive to Eliminate Illiteracy

Chungking, Mar. 19.

About 80 per cent. of China's total population is illiterate, it is revealed by interesting statistics just released by the Ministry of Education. The figures are as follows:

Total population	450,000,000
Literates (approximately) 20 per cent.	90,000,000
Illiterates (approximately) 80 per cent.	360,000,000

The new five-year mass education programme of the Ministry will aim at the elimination of these illiterates.—Reuter.

Soviets Return Poles To German Areas

Berlin, Mar. 19.

Under an agreement between the German and Soviet Governments 14,000 Polish refugees will return from Soviet-occupied Poland to German districts in the near future, according to the official German news agency. This return is part of the arrangement for the exchange of refugees.—Reuter.

Sale of Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary to U.S.

London, Mar. 19.

The suggestion that the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, Britain's two largest and newest luxury liners, be sold to the United States was made in the House of Commons today by Mr. Oswald Lewis, member of the Conservative Party. The question was put on the table and will be discussed on Thursday by Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping.

Mr. Lewis' suggestion asks the Shipping Ministry to consider offering the two huge ships for sale for "if they could be sold they would provide foreign exchange for war purposes."—United Press.

Moscow Seeks Control Of Petsamo Mines

Stockholm, Mar. 19.

Attempts are being made by the Russians to banish British influence in Finland's famous nickel mines at Petsamo, according to the newspaper "Aftonbladet." The Moscow correspondent of the paper says during the forthcoming trade negotiations with Finland, the Soviet Government will seek to acquire control of the nickel mines and other ore deposits off Petsamo.—Reuter.

Double-Headed Baby In Philippines

Manila, Mar. 19.

A double-headed baby was born twelve days ago to peasants in Lubao, Pampanga, the "Manila Herald" reported today. The baby was still alive, but physicians doubted it would live long, the newspaper said. The baby's heads are on top of each other, with only the upper head normal.—United Press.

"Scrutator" Dies

London, Mar. 19.

"Scrutator," alias Herbert Sidebotham, well-known British journalist and diplomatic correspondent, died here today after a short illness.—Havas.

Allied Prosecution of War Defended

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500 marine mines were promised, and 400 were sent. About 50,000 hand grenades were promised and all were sent; 20,700 aircraft bombs were promised, and 15,700 were sent. Two hundred anti-tank rifles, and 60,000 respirators, 100,000 greatcoats, 100,000 battledresses, and 48 ambulances were all promised and all sent.

Mr. Chamberlain added the assistance also included a number of smaller items, and large quantities of small arms and ammunition.

Britain did not hesitate, he said, even at the risk of themselves, to meet Finnish needs as far as possible.

Turning to the question of men, the Prime Minister said that in the middle of January, their representative was informed by Field Marshal Baron Karl von Mannerheim, Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish Army, that he did not require men, as his resources were sufficient to last until the thaw.

Men Wanted in May

Field Marshal Mannerheim did say that he would be glad to have some 30,000 men in May, but he stipulated that they should be trained soldiers. At the same time, Mr. Chamberlain continued, they were given to understand that Finland and Sweden were nervous about the reaction upon Germany, and both hoped that any forces sent would not be sent officially.

Having examined the situation, the British Cabinet was satisfied that an effective force for aiding Finland was not possible on a volunteer basis, and that the force required by May would only be available if raised on an official basis, as a properly organized expedition. Plans were prepared and discussed at a meeting of the Supreme War Council on February 2.

Preparations for expeditions were carried on with all rapidity, and at the beginning of March, a British and French expeditionary force of 100,000 men was all ready to leave two months before Field Marshal Mannerheim had asked for it to arrive.

In constructing plans for the expedition, Mr. Chamberlain said, there were several important factors to be considered. No effective expedition could arrive in Finland except by passing through Norway and Sweden. Therefore, before its despatch it would have been necessary to obtain the assent of those two Governments.

It did not take much imagination, he said, to conceive what was the attitude of Germany. "We know now that as soon as she heard the rumour of such force passing through the two countries, she threatened Norway and Sweden with her intervention if they gave their assent.

"We felt that we must be ready also to provide force to come to the assistance of Sweden, in defending herself, if she should be attacked by Germany. If the two Governments had given their assent, transport difficulties in Norway and Sweden would have placed a limit on the size of the force.

"In these circumstances," said Mr. Chamberlain, "we decided to provide the largest force which would be permitted by the physical conditions that we had to encounter. Part of the force would be required for the assistance of Sweden, part would be an expeditionary force to help Finland and, in addition, certain troops would be required to maintain the long line of communication."

Finns Had to Make Appeal

The size of the force arrived at on that basis was about 100,000 men, fully armed and equipped, and plans were made so that the force should begin to reach Scandinavia in March, the whole of it to arrive before the end of April. This was not necessarily the last force. Questions of reinforcements depended on developments in fighting.

The Finns were informed of these plans in the second half of February, said Mr. Chamberlain, and it was suggested to them that they should make a public appeal for assistance not later than March 5.

"After that public appeal, we proposed ourselves to make a formal appeal to the governments of Norway and Sweden to allow the passage of the expedition, and we hoped that the result of the appeal from Finland would be that the two governments concerned would not stand in the way.

"The Finns approached the Swedish Government informally, but the Swedish Government could not agree to the passage of regular armed forces.

"That was very discouraging news for us, but we did not discontinue our preparations for the dispatch of this force. We hoped that Norway and Sweden might change their minds, face the consequences, and allow us to give Finland the aid we had ready for her," the Prime Minister recalled.

Finns Ask Postponement

"At the beginning of March, Finland asked us to allow them to postpone the decision."

In the end, the date the Finns fixed for their decision passed without any decision. On the next day, they heard that peace terms had been accepted. It was not for them to criticize the Finns, he said. People who had put up such a fight as they had, must be immune from all criticism.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he wished to make absolutely clear that they recognized all through that the Finns had a right to make their own decision, in the light of facts as known to them.

Britain ought to accept that decision, he declared, whether they would have preferred another or not.

Except for Field-Marshal Mannerheim's request for 30,000 men in May, no request for any sort for land forces was made by the Finns.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasized that if Norway and Sweden had given them passage, the British and French expedition would have arrived in Finland long before the date asked for.

No Reproach on Allies

"I say, without hesitation, that it is neither for Britain nor France to reproach themselves for their action thoughout these affairs (cheers) but what about Germany?

"The responsibility for this Finnish war stands squarely and solely on the shoulders of Germany," he declared.

Mr. Chamberlain then expressed doubt whether the security of Norway and Sweden had been preserved. On the contrary, he said he thought danger had been brought closer than ever to the two countries. Today danger stood upon their doorstep, and some sympathy must be felt for the position of those two countries. They had thought they stood far enough outside the centre of disturbance not to suffer the fate of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

"I am bound to point out," said Mr. Chamberlain, "that this doctrine of neutrality, which paralysed action by Norway and Sweden, was based on the assumption that anything was better for a small neutral country than to be involved in a war between Germany and the Allies. That, in turn, was based on another assumption, that it was a matter of indifference to those small neutral states, whether the war ended in a victory for Germany or the Allies.

"Until these assumptions are abandoned, and the necessary deductions are drawn from that abandonment, the policy of those small neutral states will neither correspond to realities, nor will it be adequate to safeguard their own interests. Nothing will, or can, save them but the determination to defend themselves and join with others who are ready to aid them in their defences."

Mr. Welles' Visit

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to the visit of Mr. Sumner Welles (United States' Under-Secretary of State) and said the Government was happy to welcome him, and inform him fully and frankly of their views.

He was confident that Mr. Welles was able to get the actual views and sentiments of all sections of the community, and see for himself the unity of purpose with which they were all inspired.

When Mr. Welles returned to Italy, the Prime Minister commented, he found himself in the presence of a new event—the meeting of the two dictators on the Brenner Pass. That meeting had naturally given rise to many speculations as to its purpose. Some thought it was for the purpose of elaborating new peace proposals but, Mr. Chamberlain said, he did not know whether that was true or not.

Whatever might be the outcome, however, they were ready to meet it.

"We are not likely to be diverted from the purpose for which we entered this war," the Premier declared.—Reuter.

Secret Session Held by French Chamber

M. Daladier May Speak on Hitler-Mussolini Talks

Paris, Mar. 19.

The Chamber of Deputies went into a secret session this afternoon to discuss the international situation and repercussions of the Russo-Finnish peace. The motion that the debate should be held at a secret session was carried without division.

It was expected that M. Edouard Daladier, the Prime Minister, would be in a position to reveal interesting facts about the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

Parties Formulate Stand

Paris, Mar. 19.

In preparation for the debates in the Chamber of Deputies for today on the subject of the conduct of the war as well as the events in Finland and their consequences, a number of political groups met before the session to examine the situation and decide on their definite stand towards the cabinet.

A long discussion in the Radical Socialist group dealt mainly with Mr. Sumner Welles' visit and France's relations with Italy, Russia and the neutrals. All speakers particularly stressed their opposition to any peace initiative, no matter whence it came, if it did not embody the fundamental conditions defined by the Allied governments for a cessation of hostilities.

The Socialist group decided to refrain from taking any attitude until after the Premier's speech. The impression at the end of the morning was that the debates would last through the evening and part of the night.

Post for M. Pierre Laval

M. Pierre Laval, a former Premier who has been playing an increasingly important part in French politics lately, particularly during the recent Senate debate on Finnish affairs, would probably be given a Cabinet post, according to diplomatic quarters here. The conversation M. Edouard Daladier had yesterday morning with President Albert Lebrun confirms the impression that a Cabinet reshuffle is being considered.

Political circles categorically deny the report that relations between France and Italy are taking a new turn, and the rumours that M. Daladier is to meet Il Duce soon.

Senator Laval was one of the signatories of the Franco-Italian Treaty of Friendship of January 7, 1935, whereby Italy obtained a strip of territory along the South Tunisian border and a number of shares in the French-owned Jibuti-Addis-Ababa railway.—Havas.

Chinese Exports Being Increased

Figures Larger Despite Japanese Action

Chungking, Mar. 19.

Despite the Japanese naval blockade, bombing of the Yunnan railway and occupation of Nanning, China has been able to continue her exports of wood oil, tea and other commodities to meet her obligations.

To ensure the effective collection and prompt delivery of the Chinese exports, the Government is planning to place the control of tea exports under the China Tea Corporation; of wood oil under the Foohsing Corporation; of ores under the National Resources Commission; and of bristles under the Foreign Trade Commission.

The recent decision of the United States Export-Import Bank to grant a further loan of U.S.$20,000,000 to China, it is asserted here, was prompted partly by the desire in America to give financial assistance to China, and partly by the fact that China had successfully met her obligations under the previous U.S.$25,000,000 loan agreement.

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When the barter agreement with the Soviet Union was continued last year, tea was again the main commodity involved.—Reuter.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. J. J. Paterson of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., arrived from Hongkong yesterday in the ss. President Coolidge.

THE needlecraft section of the British Women's Association hope members and friends will inspect their display of Easter toys at headquarters today.

IN H.M. Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar, cautions were administered to C. J. Wells, 178 Route Magniny, and D. Green, 345 Avenue du Roi Albert, for traffic offences.

As the Missions to Seamen has had to vacate the premises at 17 Canton Road and no other suitable place being available at present, supporters are asked to kindly send donations, books, magazines etc. to the chaplain's office, Glen Line Building, 2, Peking Road.

CHINESE authorities in Ningpo are now taking into consideration a joint petition submitted by various foreign shipping firms in Shanghai, that permission be granted for the immediate resumption of direct Shanghai-Ningpo shipping services says the "Sin Wan Pao."

CHINA's export trade has steadily increased in volume since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, following the rapid development of the South-west and North-west communication systems, Chinese official circles declared, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

GENERAL Chu Shao-liang, Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Government, has ordered the various provincial government offices to launch an anti-opium campaign aiming at the complete eradication of the opium evil from the province by the end of June, says a Lanchow message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE City Chamber of Commerce has received a circular order from the Ministry of Economic Affairs that jute and hemp (ramie) are prohibited from being exported to Shanghai as they are considered of military value. The Chamber is advised to notify local Chinese trade guilds, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

THERE will be celebrations of the Holy Communion this morning in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. and again at 10.30 a.m. There will be a specially arranged Holy Week Service in the Cathedral this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, when Bishop Curtis will deliver the third in his series of Holy Week addresses.

THE fortieth memorial services for war dead of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Central China, will be held at the Shanghai Branch of the Nishi Hongan Temple on Chapoo Road at 4 p.m. today according to the "Tairiku Shimpo." The services will be attended by Japanese military and civilian residents, the paper added.

MISS Akiro Tsukimoto, better known as "Miss Japan" is on her way to visit officers and men on the Central China front, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Japan's glamour girl, who last year carried the "flame of friendship" lighted at the famous Idzumo Shrine in Japan to the New York World's Fair, will visit Shanghai this month accompanied by her father and four members of her household, according to the paper.

IN the wake of the recent devastating floods in North China, particularly in the Yenmenkwan district in Shansi Province, large numbers of people have been left destitute and without food, says a Hinghi message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The Chinese Government has sent a relief party, with a substantial Government grant, to undertake relief work in these areas, the report states. The floods are said to have caused the greatest havoc to farmers in the Yenmenkwan district in the past 60 years, the report concludes.

A DEMONSTRATION of coal-burning motor cars and trucks was held in Chungking on March 16 by the inventor, Mr. Chow Hao-tung, and the sponsor, Mr. Loh Tze-shung, says a Chungking message to the "Shun Pao." General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War; Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications and other high Chinese Government officials were preser^ during the demonstration, the results of which were declared to be most satisfactory, the report states.

FIVE robbers were given long prison terms yesterday by the First Special District Court. Four of them were each sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on six charges of holdups committed in the Sinza district between May 2 of last year and February 24 of this year. Two others, Ding Sau-kweun and Jen Woo, were sentenced to eight and seven years' imprisonment respectively for committing seven armed robberies, two of which were at the residences of Japanese and another at the home of an Indian. The mother of the first named man drew 20 days for concealing arms.

THE programme for the special Easter Sunday concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre on March 24, at 3.30 p.m. is as follows:—

WAGNER
Excerpts from Parsifal
Prelude (Orchestra)
Good Friday Music: Scene and Duet
Parsifal (A. Slobodskoy, Tenor)
and
Gurnemanz (V. Shushlin, Bass)
Finale: Highest holy wonder! Redeemed our Redeemer!
(The Chorus)

BEETHOVEN
Symphony No. 9 Op. 125 "Choral"
Allegro ma non troppo, un poco maestoso
Molto vivace—Presto (Scherzo)
Adagio molto e Cantabile—Andante Moderato
Finale with Soli and Chorus:
Presto—Allegro ma non Troppo
Tempo I—Vivace—Allegro assai.
Alla marcia—Allegro vivace assai.
Andante Maestoso—Allegro ma non Troppo, ma divoto—Allegro energico sempre ben marcato.
Allegro, ma no tanto—Prestissimo.

Solo—Vocalists:
Ruth Fullam, Soprano; A. Slobodskoy, Tenor; Mary Stewart, Contralto; V. Shushlin, Bass.

Chorus:
The Shanghai Choral Society
The Shanghai Songsters
The Russian Choral Society
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci.

Late Gov't Man's Son "Arrested"

Political Motive Seen In Yu Yuen Road Kidnapping

Tseu Tz-keu, 27-year old son of a late official of the Chungking Ministry of Finance, was illegally "arrested" at his residence at House 27, Lane 715, Yu Yuen Road at 8.30 yesterday morning, when six men, four of them armed and one wearing a special Municipality police uniform, forced their way into the house, and at the point of their pistols, led their victim to a waiting Ford Hire car. No explanations for the arrest were given either to Tseu or to his wife, who, with two small children, could do nothing but to look on.

Bubbling Well police station was immediately informed but when detectives arrived a minute or two later, they were unable to do anything. While there is no doubt in that the "arrest" has a political background, the motive for the kidnapping is not known, as Tseu, who only graduated from Chao Tung university a short while ago, was known to have no political affiliations at all.

Brother in Chungking

The "North-China Daily News" further learned that one of the victim's brothers is now in Chungking, where he holds a position in the Ministry of Finance.

The car which was used by the gunmen, was ordered from a Great Western Road address where the six men boarded it, informing the chauffeur that they were armed, and instructing him to drive to the Tseu home.

After they had forced their victim into the waiting car, they ordered the driver to proceed to the corner of Edinburgh and Yu Yuen Roads. There they left the vehicle and made their way into Special Municipality territory.

The driver proceeded to the nearest Ford Hire Service Depot and related his story. The police were immediately informed, but beyond investigating the case, they were powerless as they have no jurisdiction over territory off municipal roads.

Tseu had never received any threatening letters, it was furthermore learned, and had he in any way suspected that he was "wanted," he would have moved from his Yu Yuen Road home long ago, a friend of the family stated. Tseu's father died three or four months ago in Chungking.

Another Junk Sinks In Whangpoo

Seven Chinese Drowned in New River Accident

Another junk being towed by a ferry launch across the Whangpoo capsized and sank on Monday morning in midstream between Pootung and Nantao Bund and fears were expressed by the "Shun Pao" yesterday that at least six or seven persons were drowned. It was stated that most of the 60 passengers in the junk were picked up during the mishap but it was admitted that the exact number of persons who were drowned could not be ascertained. The laodah of the ferry boat was arrested by the Chinese police.

The mishap occurred shortly after 10 a.m. when the No. 6 ferry boat on regular runs between Nan Mo Tao (wharf) in Pootung and Nantao Bund was towing two junks, fully loaded with passengers, across the river. One of the towed boats suddenly gave way and sank. All passengers fell into the water but as a result of rescue efforts most of them were picked up.

This is the second time that the ferry service run by the new Greater Shanghai authorities met with distress during the past few days. Last Saturday, at about midnight, seven persons were reported to have been drowned following a collision between a ferry boat and a Japanese steamer Taiko Maru on the Pootung side of the river.

14 Robber and Murder Suspects Charged

Fourteen robber and murder suspects, several of them women, have been arrested by the French police here as a result of several raids conducted in the Concession and they are being detained by the Second Special District Court pending further investigations that may enable the authorities to frame charges against them.

Following a secret tip-off, the French police arrested 13 of the detained persons six days ago in a house in Rue Palikao. They were alleged to have confessed that they belonged to the gang which was responsible for the murder of a hot water shop manager in Hungjao Road in July of last year. They were also alleged to have admitted victimizing a rice shop in Rue Kraetzer last winter and a dairy in Rue du Pere Huc in two robberies.

In January of this year, they were alleged to have staged another hold-up in a piece goods shop in Rue Hennequin where they stole several thousand dollars. They told the police that several pistols used by them were hidden in a friend's place in Avenue Joffre. The police visited the place later but could not find the guns. One of the suspects was arrested in the Avenue Joffre house.

Cigarette Butt Starts Fire in Cinema

When a careless patron of the Rialto Cinema, Peking Road, dropped a cigarette butt on the seat next to his at 4.40 p.m. yesterday while a show was in progress, the fireman on duty in the theatre put out the flames with a bucket of water and no fire engines were summoned. The performance was not interrupted.

At 4.20 p.m., fire engines from Central station rushed to House G210, Lane 546, Tiendong Road, where a Chinese house in which furniture and other household goods were stored, threatened to become a prey to the flames. The fire was put under control in 11 minutes, one room and its contents being very badly damaged.

War Risk Insurance Claim Continued in U.S. Court

Cross-Examination of Hwa Tung Senior Partner Concluded; Chinese Storekeeper Testifies

HEARING of a claim for US$27,107.65 for losses sustained during the Sino-Japanese hostilities in Shanghai in 1937, brought against the Home Insurance Co. by the Hwa Tung Electrical & General Engineering Works, was resumed before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday morning. Mr. C. S. Franklin appeared for the plaintiff while Mr. H. G. Nelson was counsel for the defendant.

Cross-examination of Mr. Yao Teh-fu, senior partner of the plaintiff firm, who was in the witness box all day Monday, was continued yesterday by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Yao said that on the morning of August 14, 1937, he removed a typewriter and the account books from the factory in Point Road but he did not remove any equipment. The previous day the factory had remained open until 5 p.m. He admitted that the situation was tense but said that he had only heard rumours of fighting in Chapei. He made no effort to remove valuable papers because he thought everything would be all right. The insurance policy was kept in a safe box in the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, he said. No materials, machinery or equipment were removed from the factory during the period from August 14 to 18 inclusive, he admitted.

Asked if he had made an effort to remove any material from the factory from August until the end of December, 1937, Mr. Yao replied that after he had placed a Japanese in charge he did not need to remove anything. He took nothing out during those months; two or three people had approached him to say that they could get material out but they wanted 30 cents for each $1 worth of property removed. He admitted that he did not communicate this information to the insurance company.

No Property Removed

No one else connected with the Hwa Tung Co. got any property out of the factory until some time in 1939, continued the witness. Late in 1938 he removed 10 or 12 insulators from the plant with the permission of the Japanese. He did not pay the Japanese anything for this, he said.

Two or three days after the war started he started an office in Rue Consulat, which he maintained for several months. He said that he required this office because there were bills to pay and be collected and he had to carry on correspondence with customers. He had some outstanding contracts with the Chinese Government relative to railway equipment. He did not buy or sell anything while in his office in Rue Consulat, he said, nor did he make any deliveries to Nanking in September or October of 1937.

The witness denied that he started a factory in Robison Road after the war started or that he had any interest in an electrical plant there in 1937. He said that he started a factory in Edinburgh Road on October 15, 1938 and that he rented part of the machinery and bought second-hand stuff from small machine shops. The rented machinery was obtained from the Jiu Chong Co. in September, 1939. The Edinburgh Road factory was operated on a small scale, he said, and his principal customer was the Shanghai Power Co. At present he employed 200 workers and his former storekeeper and chief accountant were still with him, although the latter was in Ningpo.

He said that property was looted from the Point Road factory between August 19 and September 15, 1937.

His reason for saying it was after August 19 that the looting took place was because the watchmen had left the place on that date and there was no one in charge until Mr. Ono went there on September 15. He based his conclusion that the property was lost during those dates on three points which were contained in Mr. Ono's report, namely: the fence at the back of the factory had been burned and people could enter from Yochow Road, shells were found inside the property and the doors of the showroom, godown and factory were open and papers lying on the floor.

No Other Evidence

Asked if there was any other evidence to support this, Mr. Yao said that he had reports from Mr. Walker, of the Fearon Road office of the Shanghai Power Co., that the gate was open. Mr. Walker did not enter the factory. The witness asked Mr. Walker to lock the door and supplied him with a chain and padlock. A Chinese engineer from the Yung Shing Co., Mr. Yao said, told him that he had seen torchlights in the factory and had heard hammering and sounds as if machinery were being removed. Mr. Walker's report was received in August, the witness said, and the report of the Chinese engineer in September.

Mr. Yao said that Mr. Ono made his report two or three days after he took charge. The witness said he then wrote to the insurance company to ask them to make an inspection. Asked why he did not relay any information to the insurance company for several days, Mr. Yao said that he had taken time to consider and he had to find someone to write a foreign letter. Asked if that was the reason he did not write until September 28 he said that he had written to the insurance company on September 20 and before that date. He said that he wrote on September 10 asking them to make an inspection. The reason he did not write for some time, he explained, was because this was his first war risk policy and he did not know what to do, and he wanted some time to consult his own people.

Chinese Storekeeper

Mr. Chang Shu-shing, 33-year old Chinese storekeeper of the Hwa Tung Works, was the next witness to appear. Examined by Mr. C. S. Franklin he said that he had been working for the firm for seven or eight years. He began as number two storekeeper and he was now number one storekeeper. In 1937 he was already number one storekeeper and it was his duty to look after the raw materials. He said that he took an inventory at the end of each Chinese New Year of everything in the plant and that the inventory of the Point Road factory which he took on the Chinese New Year of 1937 was recorded in a book which was only used once a year for inventory purposes. The record of machines or materials which might come in after the inventory was kept in another book. The witness said that it was not his business to keep a record of the property which was taken out of the plant.

Part of the manufactured goods which left the plant were recorded by him, continued Mr. Chang. Asked if he would make a record of the removal of any plant machinery used to manufacture articles he said that he could not imagine how such a removal could happen but if it did happen the record at the end of the year would show it. He said that his books would show what was in the plant at the beginning of the Chinese New Year but the big machinery would be the same from the first of the year until August 13 of the foreign year.

The hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Students to Help Poor With Cheap Rice

To relieve the poor, the students of Soochow University including the Law School and School of Arts and Science, have started a movement to solicit cash contributions in order to sell rice at 10 cents per bowl although the actual price is about 30 cents. Already a large sum of money has been collected from its students and members of faculty. Contributions may be sent to the chief accountant, Law School, Soochow University, Moore's Church, Yu Ya Ching Road, Shanghai. Receipts will be given immediately. No date for distributing the cheap rice has been announced yet.

Higher Post Rates Likely

Domestic Postage Expected To Be Increased; Orders Awaited from Chungking

Domestic postage rates in China will be increased soon but the Shanghai Post Office has not yet received any order to that effect from the head office in Kunming and therefore the date for carrying out the new order cannot be ascertained. It is authoritatively learned however, that the Chinese press reports that the rates will be increased commencing next month may not be true, but it is stated that a general increase of domestic postage rates will "sooner or later" be effected by Chinese postal authorities.

Authoritative quarters told the "North-China Daily News" yesterday that owing to the increase of expenses in public utility facilities which the Post Office use constantly, an increase of domestic postage rates would be unavoidable in the near future. Officials of the Post Office in Kunming were said to be planning to increase postage charges.

Although no official order has yet been issued to the Shanghai Post Office, it was said that a seven-cent postage stamp for an ordinary letter destined for an outport in this country might be the result of Kunming discussions, it was said. Instead of only a two-cent postage stamp, a three-cent stamp for a local letter might be the final decision. The postage card rate may be increased to 3.5 cents.

It is learned that the Shanghai Post Office will carry out the postage charge increase order despite the changed situation. Foreshadowing some difficulties ahead however, the "Sin Shun Pao" reports that should such an order be issued some "consideration" will be given to the matter before the public here will voice an opinion. The paper says that Shanghai people oppose such a move but no such information is published by other Chinese newspapers.

It will be recalled that the order for increasing postage rates, if issued, will be the second of its kind since the hostilities in China. Some months ago, owing to the unfavourable foreign exchange between the franc and Chinese dollar the postage rates for mail destined for foreign countries were considerably increased.

Robbers Busy North Of Soochow Creek

Three men, two of them armed with pistols, entered a Chinese home at 255 Thorburn Road, at 1.30 a.m. yesterday, and after intimidating the occupants, decamped with jewellery, money and clothing valued at $130.

Just over an hour later, five men, one with a pistol, held up the occupants of a Chinese tailor's shop at 631 Yangtszepoo Road and stole 30 rolls of cloth, several articles of clothing and other effects valued at $700. No alarm was raised and the thugs managed to escape.

Rice Prices Show Further Decline

Large Additions to Stocks Responsible

With the arrival of further shipments of Saigon rice in Shanghai, and due to the apprehension with which rice hoarders and speculators are anticipating stern measures on the part of the Settlement and Concession authorities in an endeavour to ease the lot of the population which has been suffering under the high cost of living, the price of Saigon rice yesterday declined to $39.50 and $37.50 per picul for the two qualities offered locally.

This is a reduction of $2.50 and $4.50 respectively, per picul, and with the anticipated arrival of further large shipments in the next few days, the price of the commodity is likely to decline further.

Meanwhile, Concession and Settlement authorities were understood to be studying proposals submitted by the French sub-committees whereby strict control over stocks and prices of coal, rice and other daily necessaries can be enforced without prejudicing free trade.

Communists Rounded Up in Paris

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Japan	84⅝	London	1/5 31/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	24	„ (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	83½	„ (buyers)	1/6 1/32
		Japan 2 mths	
		„ (sellers)	85¾
		„ (buyers)	83⅞

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Amsterdam	7.53	Hongkong	1/2 3/32
Brussels	23.60	Singapore	2/4 3/32
Madrid	38.70	Yokohama	1/3 1/32
Milan	72.75	„ (buying)	1/3 1/16
Berne	17.85	Bangkok	22 1/16d.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	81.875
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.10	Japan	23.48
Paris	2.13⅞	Shanghai	6.60
Brussels	17.02	Hungary	17.70
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.50
S'zerland	22.42½	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.84	Greece	0.71
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	Unq.
Denmark	19.32	Finland	1.65
London			3.77¾
„ Demand			3.76⅛
Buenos Aires Paper			Unq.
„ „ market rate			23.50
Montreal on London			4.61½

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: May 18.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills	6 months	1 1/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0⅞%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B / 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B / 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Batu Anam Directors Recommend Dividend

At a board meeting of the Batu Anam (Johore) Rubber Estates Ltd., held yesterday it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual general meeting to be held on April 2, that a dividend of seven Chinese standard dollar cents per share be paid on account of the working for the year ended December 31, 1939.

Silver Quotations

London, Mar. 19.

Silver prices remained unchanged today, as compared with yesterday's quotations.

	Mar. 18	Mar. 19
London spot	20 13/16d.	20 13/16d.
„ forward	20 13/16d.	20 13/16d.
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York U.S.$4.0350 59.478d.
New York/London 3.77¾ 63.53d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The weekly settlement was put through rather quickly and by 10.30 a.m. practically all deliveries were completed. The market opened in the afternoon very firm and a substantial business was put through at the opening auction. Further appreciation was registered in I. I. Trust, Loans and particularly Wheelocks which latter touched a new high at $135 and a heavy turnover took place around this level. Towards the close very heavy selling started and practically all shares suffered setbacks, the market closing on the easy side. No reason for this sudden selling could be adduced and the only conjecture one can make is the possibility of peace being concluded in the European war.

The Rubber market continued easy due, no doubt, to the same reason.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Average	Change
328.71	105.32	General	314.17	+ 2.33
475.35	95.55	Rubbers	372.18	—22.05

Total 242,955 shares, 419 bonds.

Afternoon Session

Stock						
Fonciere Immob. 6%					30000	*95.00
S. M. C. 6% Tael Debs.					6900	90.00
Power 5½% Debs.					5000	88.00
I. I. Trust			500	*23.75	3500	23.75
	3500	24.00	500	24.25	1000	24.75
	1500	24.50	1000	*24.50	500	*24.25
	3000	24.50	6000	24.25		
S'hai Loan			2000	25.25	5500	*25.25
	1000	25.50	7500	25.25	6500	*25.25
	500	25.00				
Yangtsze Finance			500	15.80	500	15.90
	2500	16.00	3000	16.10	3000	16.00
	500	*16.00	1500	15.90	4000	15.80
Int. Assurance					1000	14.50
China Realty			1500	8.00	1500	*8.00
	1500	7.95	500	8.00	2500	7.95
	1000	*8.00	1000	7.95	1000	7.90
	1000	7.85	1000	*7.85		
S'hai Land			500	15.30	500	15.40
	500	15.50	500	15.40	1000	15.20
Dockyards			300	36.75	200	37.00
	100	36.75	100	36.50	900	36.00
	600	*36.00	100	*36.25	1000	36.00
	900	35.75	200	35.50		
Wheelock			100	130.00	100	130.50
	100	131.50	300	132.00	100	*133.00
	100	133.00	200	*132.00	300	132.00
	1300	132.50	100	133.50	600	134.00
	100	*134.50	600	134.50	700	135.00
	600	*135.00	100	134.50	700	134.00
	200	*134.00	300	132.00	100	131.50
	100	132.00	300	131.00	200	130.00
C. G. Omnibus			600	29.75	1000	29.50
S'hai Gas			100	21.25	100	21.00
	200	20.50	100	20.25		
Telephone			100	30.00	300	30.25
	200	30.00	1100	29.50	500	29.25
	100	*29.25	200	29.00		
Tram (Bearer) £1					700	57.50
	100	*57.50				
Metal			2200	28.50	100	*28.50
	300	28.25	500	28.50	200	*28.25
	100	28.00	300	27.75	100	27.50
Lumber					200	51.50
Exploration			3500	13.90	500	*13.90
	3000	13.80	500	13.70	500	13.80
	1000	13.70	1500	13.60		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			2100	42.50	2000	*42.50
	1100	42.75	1000	42.50	400	42.25
	200	*42.50	900	42.25		
China Finance					4000	1.84
Alma					500	*54.00
Anglo Dutch			100	25.50	100	*24.50
	1000	24.50	100	24.25	400	24.00
	100	23.75	200	23.25	200	23.00
Anglo Java			200	46.50	100	46.00
	100	*45.75	600	45.50	400	45.25
	600	45.00	100	44.75	100	44.50
	100	44.00				
Bute					1000	10.50
Chemor			1000	3.65	1000	3.60
	2000	3.55				
Cheng			3000	1.04	6000	1.02
	1000	*1.02	1000	1.00	1000	*1.00
	2000	0.98				
Consolidated					1000	11.00
Dominion			500	15.00	1000	14.50
Kroewoek			1000	3.50	1000	*3.52½
	1000	*3.55	2000	3.55	1000	3.52½
	1000	3.50	1000	3.45	3000	3.35
Langkat Cash			200	31.50	200	*32.00
	100	32.00	100	*32.25	300	32.00
	100	32.25	100	32.00	100	*32.25
	100	32.00	100	31.75	100	31.00
	200	31.50	200	31.00	100	31.25
	100	31.00				
Padang			1000	3.60	2000	3.40
	1000	3.50				
Repah			1000	1.86	1000	1.80
Rubber Trust			1000	*12.80	2000	12.80
	1500	12.70	1500	12.40	500	12.30
	500	12.10				
Senawang			1000	2.50	2000	*2.40
Kedah					500	14.10
Kelantan			5000	1.24	1000	1.26
	1000	*1.24	3000	1.22	4000	1.20
	2000	1.16	4000	1.14	8000	1.12
	1000	1.10				
Pahang					1000	7.60
Seremban					1000	3.30
Sungei Duri					100	72.00
Tanah Merah			2000	4.40	1000	4.35
	2000	4.40	1000	*4.30	1000	4.35
	4000	4.30	1000	*4.30	2000	4.25
Tebong			2000	2.05	7000	2.07½
	1000	2.05	7000	2.00	4000	1.98
	1000	*1.90				
Ziangbe			100	34.00	100	32.50
Union Brewery					1000	8.50

ODD LOTS

Stock				
Wheelock			30	134.50
Anglo Java			50	45.25
China Realty	400	7.90	125	8.00
	200	*8.05		
Exploration	100	*13.60	100	13.60
Tram (Bearer) £1			50	58.00
Batu Anam			300	*2.00
Yangtsze Finance			200	15.70

*—Direct Business.

Sua Manggis Rubber Co. To Declare Dividend

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Sua Manggis Rubber Co., Ltd., held yesterday it was decided to recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting, which is called for the April 3, that a dividend of 15 Chinese standard dollar cents per share be paid.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 19.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.16 XD	.17 S
Antamok	.12	.12
Baguio Gold	.21	.21
Batong Buhay	.011 S	.011 S
Benguet Consolidated	5.55 *	—
Big Wedge	.17 XD	.17
Coco Grove	.11	.11 S
Consolidated Mines	.003 S	.0035 S
Demonstration	.11	.105 S
East Mindanao	.0975	.10 S
I. X. L.	.35 S	.35 S
Ipo Gold	.10	.10
Itogon	.22 S	.22 S
Masbate Consolidated	.08 S	.08 S
Mine Operations	.0925 S	.0925 S
North Camarines	.0675 S	.0675 S
Paracale Gumaus	.19	.19
San Mauricio	.74 S	.75 S
Surigao Consolidated	.18	.18
Suyoc	.13	.13 S
Syndicate Investment	.020	.020
United Paracale	.255 S	.255 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0975	.0975 S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.
XD—Ex. dividend.
Tournover for the morning 120,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 69.49.
—Reuter.

Marden & Co. Declares Final Dividend

The directors of G. E. Marden & Co. Ltd., have decided to recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming annual meeting the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year ending December 31, 1939, of $4.00 per share making a total payment for the year of $7.00 per share.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 18.

Stock prices on Wall Street today mostly finished with fractional losses and gains about evenly divided. The early decline was attributed to peace scare selling, influenced by the conference between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini. Subsequently, however, liquidation was well absorbed and selling dried up, as many quarters believed that the talks in Europe between the two dictators might lead to an intensification of the war. Meanwhile, investors and operators are awaiting definite news before making new purchases. The volume of trading was small, totalling 510,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	146.18	145.08	145.59	—0.17
20 Rails	29.89	29.66	29.86	+0.08
15 Utilit.	24.11	23.94	24.04	+0.02
40 Bonds	——	——	88.72	+0.12
11 Commod.	——	——	58.14	—0.21

Mar.	16	18	Mar.	16	18
Adams Exp	7⅛	7⅜	Kennecott	34⅜	34⅜
Alg Lud	21	20½	Lak F & M	*4	*4
Allied Stores	7½	7¼	Libbey O F	49	48½
Allis Chal	36	36	Lockheed	28¼	27⅜
Alum Ld	98½	99	Loew's	36	36½
Am Can	114	113½	Loft Inc.	28½	28⅜
Am Cyan B	37⅛	37	Mack Trks	24	24⅛
Am For Pr	1⅜	1⅜	Martin	39⅜	39⅜
„ $7pfd	22	*22	McK & R	*24⅛	*24⅛
Am G & E	34	34	Monsanto	110½	*108½
Am Loco	19	19	Mont Ward	52¼	52¼
Am Metal	[illegible]	23½	Nat City B	*28¼	*28¼
Am Radtr	8⅛	8⅜	Nat Avian	11¾	11¼
Am R Mill	14	13¾	Nat Dairy	16⅜	16¼
Am Smltg	47⅛	48	Nat Dist	24⅛	24¾
Am Sug R	19	19	Nat Gyp	10⅜	10½
Am T & T	172	171	Nat Lead	20½	20⅜
Am Tob B	87½	88½	Nat P L	7¾	7¾
Am Wtwrks	8⅛	8¼	Nat Steel	65½	65
Anaconda	27⅛	27¼	Nat Supply	8⅜	8¼
Atchison	21½	21⅜	N Y Cent	15	15⅛
Auburn	1⅛	1⅛	Niag Hud	5	5
Bald Loco	14⅜	14⅜	N A Avian	21½	20⅞
Balt & Ohio	4⅛	4⅜	N Am Co	20½	20⅜
Barber	14	14¼	N Pacific	7¾	7⅜
Barn Oil	11	11¼	O I Glass	60⅜	60¼
Bend Avian	31½	31⅜	Pac G & E	*33¼	33¼
Beth Steel	72¼	72⅜	Pac Light	47	*46⅜
Bliss	12⅜	12⅜	Packard	3¼	3⅜
Boeing	20½	19⅝	Pan Am Air	17⅛	19
Bor War	22	21¼	Paramount	7¼	7⅜
Brid Brass	10½	10½	Penn R R	21⅜	21½
Briggs	21⅛	†20½	Phelps D	35¾	35¼
Bkn-M Tr	22⅜	22⅜	P & R Coal	0⅜	*0½
„ $6 pfd	*85½	*85½	Phil Pet	38¾	38⅛
Budd Mfg	4¼	4¼	Pitts C & I	*7½	7
Can Pac	5⅜	5½	P S of N J	*41½	41⅜
Case J I	67⅛	*67	Pullman	26	26⅛
Celanese	29	28⅜	Pure Oil	9	9⅜
Chase N B	*33½	*33½	Radio	6	6⅜
Chesapeake	39	39	Reading	*15	*15
Chrysler	84⅛	84⅜	„ 1st pfd	*25	*24⅛
Clim Mlyb	38½	38	Rem Arms	*3¼	*3¼
Colt's	72½	*71⅞	Rep Avian	5⅜	5¼
Col G & E	5½	5½	Rep Steel	19	18⅛
„ A pfd	*87¼	86⅛	Rev C & B	*12	*12
Com Credit	45¼	45¼	Rey Tob B	41¼	41½
Com & Sth	1⅛	1	Rich Oil	6⅛	6⅛
Cons Edis	30⅜	31	Safeway	50	50
Con Oil	7¼	7⅜	Schenley	12¼	*12½
Cont Can	45¼	45¼	Sears Roeb	83⅜	83¼
Cont Oil	22½	22½	Shell U Oil	10½	10½
Copld St	15½	15⅜	Soc Vac	11¼	11⅜
Corn Prod	60¼	59¾	Sthrn Pac	12	12
Curtis Wr	9⅜	9½	Sthrn Rly	26¼	26
„ A	30¾	31¼	Sperry Cpn	41	41
Deere & Co	21	21	Spicer Mfg	33	33
Dist Corp S	18¾	19	Std Brands	6¾	7
Douglas	77⅜	78⅜	Std G & E	1½	1⅜
Du Pont	185	185½	Std Oil	22¼	22¼
E P Lead	10⅜	*10¼	Std Oil N J	43¼	43¼
Eaton Mfg	32	32	Stone & W	9¼	9¼
Elec A Lite	37½	37⅜	Studebaker	10⅜	10¼
Elec B & S	5⅛	5¼	Swift Int	28¼	27½
„ $5 pfd	57½	57⅜	Technicor	14⅜	14¼
„ $6 pfd	*67½	67⅜	Tex Corp	44½	44⅜
Elec P & L	*27	27	Tex Gulf	33½	33⅜
Fisk Rub	15¼	15½	Timken	21⅛	21½
Flintkote	19⅜	19⅜	Transamer	6⅜	6¼
Gen Am Tr	*50	*51	Tw. Cent F	11⅛	12
Gen Elec	37⅞	37¾	„ pfd	22⅜	*22½
Gen Motor	52¾	53	Un Carbide	84½	82⅜
Gen Rly	15¼	15⅜	Un Pac	*93⅛	95
Gen T & R	19	19	Un Aircraft	44⅜	44¼
Glidden	17	17	Un A Lnie	17¼	18½
Goodrich	18⅜	18½	Un Corp	2	2⅛
„ $5 pfd	*66	67	„ $3 pfd	*38⅜	39
Goodyear	22¼	22⅛	Un Gas	1⅛	1½
Gt N I Ore	13	13	Un Gas Imp	13	13⅛
Gt N Rly	22⅜	22½	U S Ind Al	21½	21¼
Gt W Sug	27¼	27	U S Rub	34½	34¼
Greyhound	16⅛	16½	„ 8% pfd	112⅜	112½
Herc Pow	94⅛	92¼	U S Steel	54⅛	53⅜
Homestake	53¼	54	Vanadium	31¼	31¼
Int Harv	55¾	55¼	Walworth	5¼	5¼
Int Nickel	35⅜	35	War Br Pic	3¼	3⅜
Int T & T	*4⅛	4⅜	West Elec	111½	110¼
Johns Man	70½	71	Woodward	*24⅛	24
Jones & L	*56	*56			

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62½	62⅝
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	*25	25
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	22	*21½
Brazil (U.S. of) 6½% 1957	17¼	16¾
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	83¾	84¼
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	13⅞	13¾
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s 1955	45¾	45¾
New England Gas & Elec.	66	66
Republic of Colombia	32½	33
„ „ (1928) 6s 161	*32½	33¾
Sthrn. Pacific Co., 4½s '68	44½	44¼
Stand. Gas & Elec. 6s 1951	62⅝	62¼

*—Bid. †—Ex Div.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Mild rallying tendencies developed during the afternoon session on the Stock Exchange today after prices of stocks and commodities were depressed, as a result of the continuation of peace scare selling. Attention was centered on prospects of a pre-Easter peace offensive. Late reports also included the possibility of intensifying the war, due to conversations between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini. Steel operations for the present week were down 2.3, the lowest level recorded since August 21.

Stocks: Moved narrowly today as traders cautiously attempt an appraisal of the probable result of the conference between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini. Pending more definite news, we believe that new purchases should be deferred.

STATISTICS

	Week Commencing 18/3	11/3
Steel Mill Activity (Amer. Iron & Steel Institute's estimate) (per cent of capacity)	62.4	64.7

EARNINGS

Stock	Period Yr.	1930	1938
Amer. Smelting & Ref.	31/12	$4.36	3.24
Boeing Airplane	31/12	3,284,074*	554,958*
Copperweld Steel	31/12	934,348†	619,853†
Pullman Inc.	31/12	1.03	0.59
Un. Carbide & Carbon	31/12	3.86	2.77

*—Net loss. †—Net income.

Cotton: The weakness of foreign markets and conspicuous foreign selling here were attributed to peace rumours. Operations were confined largely to the trade.

Wheat: Increasing unfavourable crop news and continued peace rumours were contradictory factors in an irregular market. Trading was cautious, and operations were largely confined to short-term commitments. However, any definite news dispelling peace talks will probably cause a resumption of the upturn. The visible decrease has been placed at 728,000 bushels. The Government Spring planting estimate shows an increase of 11 per cent., which is as expected.

Corn: The visible decrease is placed at 205,000 bushels.

Rubber: Production is increasing, while stocks at present are ample. The freight situation is restricting speculation. However, the market is showing independent steadiness. Japanese interests are reported to be buyers of Netherlands rubber at last prices, which were higher than American bids.

Hides: The tendency is to follow other markets rather than trade influences. Sellers were less aggressive.

Sugar No. 4: Ruled steady, following early liquidation. Russia is reported to be a buyer of 20,000 tons of Peruvian.

By Courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

It is still being felt that the flight of capital should be away from cash. The Russo-Finnish peace and the sterling slump caused professional selling. Pessimism of industries and Wall Street has become worse since January.

Mail order, farm equipment and automobile sales are mounting, but the orders index for all industries has generally relapsed after the spurt of three weeks ago.

Industrial executives are planning optimistically but sanely. The Montgomery Ward $10,000,000 stock refinancing for sales expansion was mildly encouraging.

The absorptive powers of the market have been excellent after 150,000 shares of Socony Vacuum had been liquidated within a month, and 200,000 shares of Commonwealth Edison and large blocks of other stocks had been taken privately.

Some short-selling is being done without effect; so, if anything, the technical position has been strengthened during the past six weeks.

The savings banks plan to cut the interest rate on deposits to 1½ per cent. indicates that liquidity is being penalized.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 18.

Business on the Stock Exchange today was restricted by uncertainty concerning the diplomatic moves in Europea and the surprise announcement of the fixing of new minimum prices for British gilt edged securities.

Prices in most sections eased, but offerings were only moderate.

Indian gold mining issues were depressed on unconfirmed reports of a Mysore tax on the proceeds of gold sales.

Dealings have started in the new War Loan issue at par to a quarter discount, with the quotation finally closing at ⅜ discount.—Reuter.

	Mar. 15	18
War Loan, 3½% (Red.)	£99 3/16	98⅝
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	50¾	50¾
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	55	54

Osaka, Mar. 19.

Kogo 5% Y.106.03

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	14/-	14/-
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Ass. & Elec. Indus.	42/4½	42/1½
Austin Motors Ord.	17/-	17/-
Bristol Aeroplane	16/-	15/9
British American Tob.	101/3	101/3
Cable & W., new form	61	61
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/6	7/4½
Courtaulds	36/6	36/-
Distillers	66/6	66/6
Dunlop Rubber	33/4½	33/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	81/4½	81/1½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	78/-	77/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	13/6	13/7½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/7½	31/1½
Imp. Tobacco	121/3	118/9
Leyland Motors	75/-	75/-
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52/-	51/7½
Pressed Steel, com.	17/-	17/1½
Rolls-Royce	91/10½	91/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	15/-	15/-
Tate & Lyle	54/4½	54/9
Turner & Newall	66/7½	66/1½
United Steel	23/3	23/3
Vickers, ord.	19/7½	19/-XD
Woolworths	65/4½	65/1½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	24/-	24/-
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	33/3	33/3
MINES		
Burma Corp.	9/6	9/6
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Mars Invests.	14/9	14/9
Randfontein Ests.	39/4½	38/9
Sub-Nigel	188/-	187/6
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	15/9	15/3
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	53/9	51/10½
Burmah	70/7½	70/7½
Mexican Eagle	6/7½	6/4½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	79/4½	78/1½

XD—Ex dividend.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£59	58
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	51½	51½
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	29	29
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	40	39
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	10½	10½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	19	19
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	17	17
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13	13
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly	20	20
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	13	13
5% „ „ G.	13	13
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	13	13
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	13	13
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	15	15
S'hai Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	*15	15
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	28	28
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9 5/16	9 5/16
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	91½	91½
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	92	92
Mercantile Bank of India	12⅝	12⅝
Chinese Eng. & Min.	19/-	19/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/3	20/7½

Tug & Lighter Co. to Pay Final Dividends

The directors of the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co. Ltd., have decided to recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming annual meeting the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year ending December 31, 1939, of 3½ per cent. on the preference shares and dollars twenty ($20.00) per share on the ordinary shares, making a total payment for the year of 7 per cent. on the preference shares and $28.00 on the ordinary shares.

Shanghai Tramway Co. To Declare Dividend

A meeting of the board of directors of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co. Ltd., held yesterday, it was decided to recommend payment of a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. for the year 1939, at the next annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in Shanghai on April 30.

Wheeelock & Co. to Pay 2nd Interim Dividend

The directors of Wheelock & Co. Ltd., have declared a second interim dividend in respect of the year ending March 31, 1940 of $3.00 per share payable on March 30.

Japanese Business Men Welcome Argentine Pact

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Hailed as a major step in dispensing Japan's dependence upon one or two nations for the supply of raw materials, Japanese businessmen today welcomed the official announcement that a barter accord had been concluded with Argentina.

The accord provides for a yearly Y.30,000,000 trade each way with the South American country.

Seven members of the Argentine mission to Japan arrived in Mukden yestreday en route to Hsinking, which will be formally visited by the entire party on March 23.—Domei.

U. S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 18.

An easier tone early prevailed in the cotton market, owing to weak Liverpool cables, foreign selling and liquidation. Later, the market steadied up as the trade bought at the lower levels, while speculative liquidation was small. At the close, quotations ranged from 2 to 5 points down from the previous final levels.

The tone of the raw rubber futures market was independently steady today, owing to nervous shorts covering and an improved speculative demand, while factory interest was more noticeable. At the last callover, gains of 4 to 6 points were recorded.

Trading was mixed in the Chicago Wheat Pit, with peace rumours being offset by unfavourable crop news and reports of continued dryness in the south-west. Meanwhile, operators were cautious in making long commitments, awaiting clarification of the European situation. At the final bell, losses of ⅜ to ½ cent. were registered.—Reuter.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	10.47-48 —05		
July	10.27-27 —02		
July (N.C.)	10.41 N —02	May	18.14-15 +06
Oct. (N.C.)	9.65-65 —05	July	18.02-04 +04 B/A
Dec. (N.C.)	9.51-51 —05	Sept.	17.95-95 +05
Jan. (N.C.)	9.46 N —05		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Silk No. 4	
May	1.89-90 unc. B/A	May	1.52½-53 unc. B/A
Sept.	1.98-99 unc. B/A	Sept.	1.48½-49½ —2 B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	101½-101⅝ —⅜	May	55¾-55⅞ unc.
July	99½-99⅜ —½	Sept.	57-57 unc.
Sept.	98⅝-98¾ —⅜		

Winnipeg Wheat

May 87⅝ B —¾ July $2.68 —05
B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 18.

Liverpool cotton declined the limit, while rubber futures early ruled uncertain but closed steady.

London Rubber: Spot. buyers 11 1/16 —1/16; sellers 11 3/16 —1/16; April delivery, buyers 11 1/16 —1/16; sellers 11⅛ —⅛.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 7.31 —25; May 7.36 —25; July 7.42 —25; Sept. 7.30 —25. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract: Mar. 9.85 —46; May 9.96 —46; July 10.09 —47; July 10.11 —47.

METALS

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £248½ —3¾; 3 mths sellers £246½ —3¾; Tin, Straits, £273½ —3¾; Antimony, China Regulus, c.i.f., per ton £70 to 75 Nominal, unchanged.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in carload lots (25 tons) f.o.b. New York; duty paid, 16½ cents per lb. unchanged; Tin, Straits c.i.f. New York (25 ton lots) 47½ unchanged; Copper, Electrolytic, first hand, 11½ cents per lb., unchanged.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)	$40.00
Cotton yn. 20's, D.H., p.b. Mar.	$938.00
„ „ „ Apr.	950.00
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	207.00
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)	$23.50
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)	10.30
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	15.00
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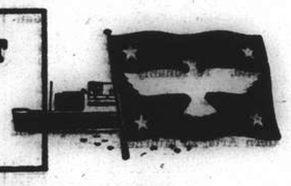

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India	29/2	6/5	Conte Verde	20/3	4/4
From TRIESTE			**From SOURABAYA**		
Monte Piana	20/1	26/3	Tjisadane	15/3	2/4
Conte Verde	8/3	4/4	**From HONGKONG**		
Volpi	27/2	17/4	See "China Ports" below		
Carignano	25/2	22/4			

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Memphis City	—	20/4	Crown City	15/3	5/4
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From SAVANNAH			Nagasaki M.	19/3	20/3
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For GOTHENBURG		Peter Maersk	2/5
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Tokiwa Maru	3/4	Canton	20/3
For BOMBAY		Asama Maru	8/4
Zinsan Maru	23/3	**For SEATTLE**	
Ginyo Maru	30/3	Capillo	25/3
For CAPETOWN		Crown City	8/4
Boissevain	25/3	**For KOBE**	
Tegelberg	22/4	Taiyo Maru	22/3
For JAVA		Kasima Maru	27/3
Tjitjalengka	21/3	**For NAGASAKI**	
Tjisedane	4/4	Nagasaki Maru	20/3
For MANILA		Shanghai M.	23/3
N. Maersk	20/3	**For DAIREN**	
P. Maersk	5/4	Tsingtao Maru	19/3
Gertrude Maersk	15/4	Dairen Maru	22/3
		Tsingtao Maru	26/3
		Dairen Maru	29/3
		Tsingtao Maru	2/4
		Dairen Maru	5/4

VESSELS DISCHARGING

GLENOGLE From London and ports. This vessel is now discharging all her cargo (except Opium and Munitions of War), at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their cargo, (Consignees of "Bulk Cargo, will further be required to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed). All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fourteen days from date of vessel's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risk of Fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of cargo. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Holt's Wharf, Pootung, on March 21, at 10.00 a.m. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents. 20-3

NINGPO. The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s m.s. Ningpo, Captain J. O. Hedding, is now discharging all her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to be exchanged for delivery orders and take immediate delivery of their Goods. All claims against this Vessel must be sent in within ten days after completion of Vessel's discharge, or they will not be recognized. All risk of Fire at the Wharf and Godowns is to be borne by the Consignees of the cargo. Examination of damaged goods will take place at the Wharf on March 26, 1940, at 9.30 a.m. by Messrs. Angus & Co. The Ekman Foreign Agencies, Ltd. Hamilton House, 170 Kiangse Road. Tel. 11330. 21-3

NIEL MAERSK. The Maersk Line m.s. Niel Maersk, from New York, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Savannah, Norfolk, Cristobal and Los Angeles via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Old Ningpo Wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on Tuesday morning, March 26, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line, Shanghai Agency, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 22-3

VESSELS LEAVING

NORTH CHINA COAST

JARDINES. FREQUENT SAILINGS to NORTH CHINA PORTS.—For freight or passage please apply to Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 27 The Bund. Tel. 15290.

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TJITJALENGKA Mar. 21. FOR AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MENADO, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.G.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjitjalengka sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, March 21, taking cargo to Philippine Island, Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 20-3

AMERICA

TARN Mar. 22. For LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL.—Barber-Wilhelmsen Line motor vessel Tarn sails from Shanghai on March 22, accepting cargo for all Overland Points. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 22-3

TOSAN M. Mar. 27. FOR LOS ANGELES CRISTOBAL, PANAMA CANAL, NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE.—O.S.K. Line. Tel. 15324. 27-3

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Mar. 25. MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Monday, March 25. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 25-3

VESSELS DISCHARGING

GAASTERKERK. The H.E.A.L. s.s. Gaasterkerk, from Antwerp, Amsterdam and Rotterdam arrived at Hongkong on March 10. The Shanghai cargo was transhipped into the ms. "Tjitjalengka," arrived at Shanghai on March 18, and discharging her cargo at the Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bs/L for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at Wharf and Godowns to be borne by Consignees. All claims against this steamer must be sent in within 10 days after arrival otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined at above Wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy on Saturday, March 23, at 9 a.m. It is necessary to produce Bills of Lading also Shippers Invoice at the examination. Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. General Agents, Holland East-Asia Line, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 22-3

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Niel Maersk	New York	Maersk L.
Ningpo	Japan	Ekman
Suitai	Ningpo	C.F.P.K.
Tyosa M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Bordvik	Tientsin	H. Changan
Kiangting	T'lungkong	Foo Hwa
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Pres. Adams	Japan	A.P.L.
Myoken M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Pres. Coolidge	Hongkong	A.P.L.
Nagasaki M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Mohlenhof	Ningpo	Carlowitz
E. Carlotto	Cruise	—
Lipari	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Nantung M.	Nantung	T.K.K.
Pelikan	Ningpo	Reuter B.
Remo	Sungmen	V. Chieri
Black Osprey	Kobe	A. Clayton
Meinan	Ningpo	S.V.O.C.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Tjisaroea	Neth.	J.C.J.L.
Konsan M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Murasski M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hellenic City	Gre.	Y.K.K.
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Atago M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Hirano M.	Jap.	T.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

Animals

That Shanghai loves animals, especially dogs, is illustrated daily in this section of the small advertisements. If you want a good dog or to find a good home for a dog, to buy or sell a pony or a Persian kitten this is the agency you need.

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The News of the Week

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THE NORTH-CHINA HERALD
17 The Bund, Shanghai Telephone 11065

Sewage Disposal In Shanghai

Report of S.M.C. Chief Chemist Shows Strides Made Since 1937

Sewage treatment and disposal in Shanghai is dealt with in the annual report for 1939 of Mr. W. E. Abbot, Chief Chemist of the S.M.C. The report, which is issued by the Public Works Dept., graphically illustrates the difficulties which this section of the Council's staff has had to face since the hostilities in Shanghai.

Dealing with the western works, the report states that this, which is situated at the western end of Lincoln Avenue was closed under force majeure at the end of October 1937. Early in 1938 it became possible to resume maintenance and to repair the war damage. Conditions in the neighbourhood were such that operation would have been very difficult, if not actually impossible. Early in 1939 conditions had improved considerably and permission was received to resume treatment. In March sewage was diverted intermittently to the works in order to prepare a new activated sludge. On May 10, the full flow of sewage was diverted to the works, since when 644,980,000 imperial gallons have been treated.

It was found that the flow and strength of the sewage had increased to such an extent that the quantity of polluting matter was rather more than double the 1936 figure. This meant that the works was under a substantial overload and that the previous operating practice could not be resumed. Several experimental operating cycles were tried to determine the means of obtaining the utmost possible degree of purification with the existing equipment. When found, this routine was adhered to as far as circumstances permitted.

These circumstances were often trying and sometimes disastrous. For instance, in July the power supply to the works failed for many hours on seven occasions owing to the theft of Power Company cable during the night. Passes for the staff were a recurring source of worry and on occasions the laboratory could not be staffed. Sludge disposal suffered from the impossibility of securing suitable qualities of sand. At times the sewage strength was considerably increased by partial failure in ordure disposal and the consequent admission of ordure into the sewers.

Unfavourable Reaction

Operation at the eastern works had to be suspended in August 1937. The settling tanks at this works were put in operation once more on April 3, 1939, since when 471,410,000 imperial gallons have been treated. The abnormal local situation reacted unfavourably on treatment at this works. While operating, all sewage works produce large quantities of sewage solids known as sludge. In Shanghai this is normally removed for use as fertilizer. The absence during most of the year of the farming community in the vicinity led to rather embarrassing accumulations of sludge at times.

Dealing with stream pollution studies, the report states that during the past twenty years many thousands of samples of water from the local waterways have been analysed with the object of assessing the necessities of the local sewage disposal problem. Particular attention was given to these surveys while the sewage works were out of operation and rather lengthy reports have been prepared. In brief, the evidence indicates that, even in the abnormal circumstances indicated, domestic sewage is a comparatively small factor in the obviously unsatisfactory condition of many of the local creeks. Trade waste and drainage would appear to be the principal causes of pollution. During 1939 these studies were principally concerned with the Soochow Creek, 300 samples from which were analysed.

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The Subscription List will open 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 1940, and close 10.30 a.m. the same day.

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F. R. DAVEY, ESQ., CATHAY HOTEL (*Chairman*)
G. E. MARDEN, ESQ., 2 FRENCH BUND
M. SPEELMAN, ESQ., 7 AVENUE EDWARD VII.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
12 THE BUND, SHANGHAI.

SOLICITORS:

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83 PEKING ROAD, SHANGHAI.

AUDITORS:

THOMSON & CO., 20 CANTON ROAD, SHANGHAI.

SECRETARIES AND REGISTERED OFFICE:

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
9 AVENUE EDWARD VII, SHANGHAI.

The following information has been received from the Directors:

The Company was originally formed in November 1936 to take over certain property and a mortgage owned equally by the International Investment Trust Company of China, Limited, and Yangtsze Finance Company Limited and the total issued capital has been beneficially held by the two concerns until date.

The Company has paid as dividend 5% in respect of the year 1937; 4½% in respect of the year 1938, and it is the Directors' intention to recommend a dividend of 20 cents per share for the year 1939.

After the forthcoming Annual General Meeting a further issue of 50,000 shares at par ($250,000) is intended to be made to Yangtsze Finance Company Limited as consideration for the purchase of an apartment building with vacant land adjoining. The property was valued by Messrs. Spence, Robinson & Partners on November 4, 1939, at $325,000.

Payment in full must accompany offers which must be made on the special form provided.

No offer for less than 500 Shares will be considered.

A Brokerage of Five Cents (5 cents) per share will be paid in respect of accepted offers bearing the stamp of a member of the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Shanghai, March 16, 1940.

BENJAMIN & POTTS
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Positions Vacant

Do not enclose original testimonials when replying to advertisements. Copies answer the same purpose.

WANTED immediately: chauffeur, experienced and careful driver. Good wages to right party. Box 2517, NCDN.

WANTED a middle-aged, well-educated and refined French lady companion for girls in British family, five times a week between 3 and 8 p.m. Apply Box 2484, NCDN. 11463

WANTED urgently experienced shipping brokers or agents. Apply Box 2504, NCDN. -4664

CANVASSER. An experienced advertisement canvasser is required by old-established British firm. Reply with full particulars to Box 2494, NCDN. 11486

JAPANESE clerk with knowledge of English. Reply, stating qualifications, salary expected, to Box 2488, NCDN. -4690

WANTED, first-class photographer and colour artist, for leading foreign studio. Apply Hamilton Studio, 221 Nanking Road. -4656

WANTED, for immediate employment, Chinese lady secretary-stenographer. Must be good typist and speak English. Permanent job with good prospects. Box 2474, NCDN. -4658

WANTED, trained and experienced English nurse for three children and one infant. Amah's help. Address Box 2452, NCDN. 11444

Positions Wanted

Advertisements under this heading only are accepted at the rate of five dollar cents per word per insertion, with a minimum charge of $0.80.

YOUNG foreigner, typist, speaking English, German, some French, wants position general assistant. Address Box 2509, NCDN. -4723

IMMIGRANT, 40, ten years' technical experience in printing business, seeks any indoor employment. Knowledge of English. Moderate salary. Best references. Box 2486, NCDN. -4687

LADY-stenographer, beginner, knowledge bookkeeping and elementary accountancy, good knowledge English, seeks position. Salary moderate. Address Box 2512, NCDN. -4734

RELIABLE, trustworthy Scotsman (exempt from military service), desires employment. Willing tackle anything, anywhere. Box 1542, NCDN. -4701

YOUNG lady-stenographer, now employed, seeks change. Holder of London Chamber of Commerce Certificate. Address Box 2498, NCDN. -4707

REFUGEE, 49, formerly department head of German bank, seeks position as accountant, for whole or part-time. Box 2502, NCDN. -4714

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BRITON, 23, seeks position with either British/American firm. Experienced in office routine, speaks Chinese, Russian and Japanese, A1 references. Outports no objection. Reply Box 2492, NCDN. -4696

FOREIGNER, good knowledge English, German, Russian. Will accept any position. 899/7 Avenue Joffre, telephone 71846, Room 7. -4651

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Business Opportunities

EXPERIENCED businessman leaving shortly for USA, willing to act as representative for local firms. Main interest in furs. Box 2489, NCDN. -4693

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OFFICE space required, central district, about 400 to 500 sq. ft. Please reply to Box 2480, NCDN. 11476

Miscellaneous

FOREIGN painter and carpenter, own workshop, solid workmanship, moderate rates. Kurnik, 302 Ward Road. -3958

TYPEWRITERS, bought, sold, rented, repaired, rebuilt, Hermes-Baby Dealers: Bartlett Yung Co., 132 Kiangse, Telephone 11875. -4109

CARPETS cleaned chemically, 12 cents per square foot. Rugs repaired, dyed, stored. Esso Company. Telephone 12170. -3928

Personal

LONELY Englishman wishes meet broadminded young lady for companionship. Box 2508, NCDN. -4722

TELEPHONE me this afternoon. Z. -4724

WIDOW, lonesome, would like to meet British or American single gentleman, 50-55, view to matrimony. Address Box 2516, NCDN. -4741

MARIPOSA, await April "Pela Patria" personalities, leap year dance, futebol, cream cake, coffee. Publico. -4712

YOUNG Chinese gentleman of good standing wishes to meet refined young Chinese lady with view to matrimony. Highly educated. The advertiser is active and popular. Box 2472, NCDN. -4650

Beauty Culture, etc.

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360 Rue Bourgeat, Room 2, near Route des Soeurs. Massage. -4691

LADY gives general and electric massage, by appointment, from 10-6. Telephone 85103. 169 Avenue Dubail, Apartment 34. -4374

LADY gives general massage, manicure 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road, Apartment 30. Second Floor. 11114

LADY gives massage from 2 to 9, 1225 Bubbling Well Road, Room 231, Telephone 34200. -3668

For Sale—Miscellaneous

GORGEOUS crystalware and porcelain, figures and groups, modern an dantique objets d'art, including several specimens fit for museums, bronzes, dinner-, coffee- and teasets of mark, exquisite, reasonably priced small gifts in our lately opened remarkable show premises, reputed as a genuine find-spot of collectors and connoisseurs. Witkowsky and Company, Antique and Modern Arts, 20 Muirhead Road (corner Broadway). -4706

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BEST opportunity for Easter gift: first-class vacuum cleaner, Electrolux and Progress, 220 volt, $90. Weinmann, Sassoon House, Room 248, Nanking Road, corner Bund. -4719

EXQUISITE porcelain, baccarat crystalware, miniatures and fine oil paintings. 12 Rue du Consulat, Apartment 501, (near Bund). -4740

PERSIAN rugs, two pieces, and big carpet. Also two oil-paintings (small landscapes). Box 2490, NCDN. -4694

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GENUINE Persian salon carpet, Koresan, 2 x 3 metre, unique specimen, for sale, reasonably priced. 1310 Avenue Joffre, European Arts. -4644

COMPLETE set Brehms: Tierleben (encyclopædia of animal kingdom), for sale. 12 Rue du Consulat, Apartment 501, Telephone 87801. -4740

SINGER sewing machines, brand new, reasonable prices, for sale. 138 Hamilton House, telephone 14199. -4672

BARGAIN in dinner and coffee-sets and crystalware, oil-paintings etc. 497 Wei Hai Wei Road, 5 Yang Terrace, Room 6. -4677

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BED-SITTING furniture, Simmon beds $300. Piano, radio, gramophone US$130. On view 10-12 morning. Room 20, 1434 Avenue Road. -4414

JUST arrived French lady has Parisian neckties, socks and gentlemen's dressing-gowns. 39C Central Arcade, Telephone 10029. -4342

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SHIRTS correctly made to measure. English poplins and pure silk from $14.50. Razon's 12 Central Road. 11110

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YOUNG, educated Chinese lady of good standing gives lessons in Mandarin/Shanghai dialect. Box 2467, NCDN. -4731

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NOTICE is hereby given that Cheque No. 18155, dated 18/3/40, amounting to $12,000, issued by Ta Chung Hua Rubber Industrial Co. on the Bank of Communications' Blvd. Deux Republiques Branch and endorsed by Tai La Timber Co., had been lost and destroyed and it is hereby declared null and void. -4730

LOST, black leather wallet in Standard Oil Company Building, second-floor, containing $90 in notes and various documents. Reward $100 to finder. Please communicate with Carl A. Bauman, 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. 11516

Wanted to Rent

FURNISHED apartment, vicinity Bubbling Well Road, bath, kitchen, moderate rent. No key-money. Box 2507, NCDN. -4722

WANTED to rent unfurnished two-roomed flat with kitchen and bath Box 2501, NCDN. -4713

WANTED to rent two-three roomed, furnished/unfurnished flat, kitchen bath, telephone. Within short. Box 2500, NCDN. -4711

WANTED, possibly May, house, six to eight rooms or larger. Write Box 2510, NCDN. -4728

ENGLISHWOMAN requires furnished room, part board. Reply Box 2511, NCDN. -4732

TWO well-furnished rooms, in modern apartment-house with all conveniences. Bubbling Well district preferred. Box 2497, NCDN. -4706

FLAT, one or two rooms, on or near Bund. Box 2493, NCDN. -4699

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RESPONSIBLE foreigner wants house or apartment. Agrees to pay key-money and take over furniture. Telephone 78499. -3798

WANTED, from April, furnished apartment. Willing to take furniture over and pay key-money. Telephone 79023. -4389

THE Committee of Management of Cathedral School H. L. E. are looking for a house or flat for the Headmaster in the vicinity of Columbia and Great Western Roads from June 30. Replies to Secretary, 13 Columbia Road. 11356

Wanted to Purchase

WANTED to buy blue Persian cat. Telephone 22479. -4694

WANTED to buy second-hand bicycle, good condition, preferably coaster-brake. Reply to Box 2485, NCDN. -4686

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AT ONCE, one dozen dessert plates with finger-bowls to match, in powder-blue Peking glass. Box 2426, NCDN. -4355

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Animals

PONY insurance is obtainable at moderate terms from Hugh Middleton & Co. (Insurance), Ltd. 45 Kiukiang Road. Telephone 16595. 11108

Office Cars

LIFT offered April 1, large closed car, vicinity Bubbling Well/Hart to Szechuen Road. Box 2463, NCDN. -4627

Employment

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Motor Cars and Cycles

FORD roadster 1933, recently overhauled, reducoed, balloon tyres like new, US$250. Telephone 82841, 490 Avenue Joffre. -4727

FOR SALE, 1935 Buick, four-door saloon, de luxe model, excellent condition. Price US$500. Telephone 15633 or write Box 2513, NCDN. -4739

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